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Post Office Box 818  
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February 12, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio,

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RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. C. Culter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated October 17, 1935 and the report of Special Agent B. L. Dameron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated February 8, 1936, containing the results of investigation conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas concerning Fred Hunter, alias Harold King, Fred Parker, Tommy Coleman and one George. These reports set forth information concerning a Hudson coupe bearing 1935 Ohio license number H372M and also concerning another Hudson coupe bearing 1935 Ohio license number H25M. The report of Special Agent E. M. Williams, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 10, 1935 and the report of Special Agent E. J. Ryan dated at Cleveland, Ohio January 20, 1936, set forth the results of investigation made at Youngstown, Ohio concerning Hudson coupe bearing 1935 Ohio license number H372M. This car was registered to E. F. Parker, whose address was given as 323 North Phelps Street, the car being a 1935 Hudson coupe, bearing motor number 60348, purchased August 1, 1935 from the Manning Marione Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio. The report of Special Agent J. E. Munton, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated February 7, 1936, reflects that Ohio license number H25M was issued to John Alexander, 2419 East Avenue, Scienceville, Ohio for a 1929 Whippet roadster bearing motor number 423350. It is noted from the reports above mentioned from the Little Rock office that the 1935 Ohio license number H25M was on a Hudson coupe driven by an individual known only as George, who was described as being 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall and of medium build.

Attention is now invited to the report of Special Agent Ryan, above referred to, in which it is noted that an interview was had with one Edward Dickson, salesman for the Manning Marione Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio, this interview apparently relating to the purchase of 1935 Hudson coupe bearing motor number 60348. The report indicates that the photographs of the subjects in the Bremer case were exhibited to Mr. A. Marione and Mr. Edward Dickson, who failed to identify any of these subjects as being identical with E. F. Parker or F. Hunter. It does not appear from the report that these individuals were shown the photograph of Fred Hunter of Leavittsburg, Ohio. Mr. Dickson described the party who purchased

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this Hudson coupe and who was known to him as Hunter as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighing 120 pounds and lame in one leg.

It is to be noted that the description of Harry Campbell appearing on the Identification Order issued by the Bureau indicates that Harry Campbell is 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighs 135 to 140 pounds and is lame in right leg.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, previously mentioned, also sets forth the information that Post Office Inspector E. E. Zaver of Youngstown, Ohio had been making inquiries concerning Fred Hunter at Leavittsburg, Ohio as being a possible suspect in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935, for which crime the Post Office Inspectors are now searching for Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Sam Coker and one Milton Lett.

From the circumstances described above it appears possible that the George who was driving the Hudson coupe bearing 1935 Ohio license number BSM might be identical with Harry Campbell. A discrepancy in the description of George as furnished by the individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas is noted, these persons stating that George was 5 feet 7 inches in height. However, it will be noted that Harold King, who was later identified as being identical with Hunter, was described as being 5 feet 9 1/2 inches in height when in fact Fred Hunter is only 5 feet 6 inches in height. It is therefore possible that the George referred to was not in fact 5 feet 7 inches in height. "George" is a known alias of Harry Campbell.

The Cleveland office is requested to expedite investigation at Scienceville, Ohio concerning 1935 Ohio license plates number BSM, it being noted that these license plates were issued for a Whippet car and were observed in Hot Springs, Arkansas on a Hudson coupe, as previously stated. It is possible that these plates were stolen from Mr. Alexander and all facts concerning same should be obtained from him.

It is also suggested that Mr. Dickson at Youngstown, Ohio again be interviewed and shown the photograph of Fred Hunter to ascertain if he can identify this individual as buying Hudson coupe, motor number 60348. Investigation should be conducted to determine if this individual purchased any other Hudson coupes from this firm. The photograph of Harry Campbell which was recently furnished to all field offices by the Bureau should be displayed to Mr. Dickson and Mr. Marione at Youngstown, Ohio inasmuch as Wynona Burdette has advised that this is a good likeness of Harry Campbell and probably more easily identified as Harry Campbell than the one appearing on the Identification Order issued for this individual.

The Little Rock office is requested to set a thorough investigation at the bath houses located at Hot Springs, Arkansas to ascertain whether Harry Campbell is presently frequenting these places. Information has been obtained by the Chicago Bureau office that Harry Campbell is suffering with gonorrheal rheumatism. This is possibly what causes the lameness in his right leg as is indicated on his description in the Identification Order. It is possible that Harry Campbell is using the facilities of the bath houses at Hot Springs, Arkansas for treatment as to the disease which he is alleged to have. 932745

A copy of this letter is being designated for the Oklahoma City office for their information in connection with the surveillance presently being conducted on the Campbell family at Tulsa, Oklahoma so that this office will be fully advised in the event a car answering the description of the one observed at Hot Springs, Arkansas is seen in the vicinity of the Campbell home.

A copy of this letter is also being furnished to the El Paso, Los Angeles and Phoenix offices for their information in connection with the surveillance presently being conducted of Charles J. Fitzgerald. A photograph of Fred Hunter is also attached for the El Paso, Phoenix and Los Angeles offices.

For the information of the Los Angeles office, investigation by the Little Rock office at Hot Springs, Arkansas at a place known as Burch's Landing revealed that Mr. Morris B. Loftis, Hot Springs, Arkansas, furnished the information that Fred Parker, Tommy Coleman and Harold King departed from Dyer's Landing on the afternoon of October 2, 1935 for San Diego, having supposedly received a call through "George" from a friend at San Diego. It is not known whether this circumstance has any significance. However, should the investigation by the Cleveland office determine that Harry Campbell is in fact in association with Fred Hunter and has purchased or is presently in possession of a Hudson coupe, it might well be that the George referred to is in fact Harry Campbell and communicating with Charles J. Fitzgerald at Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR ATTENTION MR TOLSON

SAC E. J. CONNELLEY, CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE MY LETTER TO SAC CONNELLEY FEBRUARY 5 AND HIS

AIRMAIL RETLY OF 10 INSTANT RELATIVE COVERING MOVEMENTS AND CONTACTS OF

THE BROTHER OF HARRY CAMBRIDGE AT MIDLAND TEXAS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT

NOTWITHSTANDING SUGGESTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS OF SAC CONNELLEY I CANNOT

DETAIL AN AGENT FROM THIS OFFICE AT THIS TIME FOR THE PURPOSE. AGENT

STREET IS NOT WORKING AND MAY NOT BE FOR SOME TIME ACCOUNT HIS PHYSICAL

CONDITION. AGENT FALKNER IS IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FINISHING CASES WHICH

HE MUST PRESENT TO GRAND JURY NEXT WEEK. THIS LEAVES ME ALONE AT THIS OFFICE

EXCEPT FOR AGENT A. B. LECKIE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE

IN SURVEILLANCE OF FITZGERALD AND WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS OFFICE TO WAIT

AT EL PASO FOR THE THREE OTHER AGENTS FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE WHO ARE ON SUR-

VEILLANCE OF FITZGERALD AT CARLSBAD. IN ANY EVENT THE WORK REQUESTED BY

CONNELLEY WILL REQUIRE UNDIVIDED ATTENTION OF ONE OR MORE AGENTS AND IF IT IS

TO BE COVERED IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT ADDITIONAL AGENTS BE ASSIGNED TO

THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. I HAVE HERETOFORE REQUESTED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN

ADDITIONAL AGENT TO KEEP UP WITH THE NORMAL WORK HERE. PLEASE ADVISE. AGENTS

AT CARLSBAD REPORT THAT FITZGERALD AND PARTY VISITING OIL WELL DAILY. NO

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Copy to Mr. Tamm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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*Charles Fitzgerald*  
*Edward G. Bremer*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RBN:MFS

February 13, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- RE: BREKID

Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley,  
Jacksonville, advises that he contemplates obtaining a new  
indictment against Myrtle Eaton at the session of the Grand  
Jury convening at Tampa, Florida, during the present month.

He states that the presence of Special Agents D. P.  
Sullivan and R. C. Suran will be necessary at this time, and  
requests that arrangements be made for them to be at Tampa,  
Florida, at 10:00 A. M. February 25, 1936. It is expected that  
their presence will be required at Tampa, only the one day.

It is requested that this Office be advised immediately  
--should it be impossible for these Agents to report at Tampa as  
requested.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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February 10, 1936.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

On February 6, 1936 C. J. Fitzgerald departed for Carlsbad, New Mexico where he intends to remain for about two weeks in connection with his oil deal pending at that point. During the course of the journey he has been under surveillance and there have been no unusual developments.

In the Cleveland district a telephone tap has been arranged which will cover the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, who is the confidential contact man for Arthur Heberbrand and "Shimmy" Patton. The Cleveland office has advised that the Post Office Inspectors are making every effort to locate Milton Lett, who was employed by the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio and who is suspected of having purchased a car which was used in the Garrettsville mail robbery, which was perpetrated at that point on November 7, 1935. Efforts, however, are being continued by the offices of this Bureau, particularly at Wann, Oklahoma, to endeavor to locate Milton Lett.

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The Oklahoma City office is maintaining a surveillance on the Campbell home at Tulsa, Oklahoma and is also maintaining three telephone taps. To date no results have been obtained through these telephone taps.

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As the result of recent statements obtained from Lillian Poole, [redacted] did not have any definite arrangement [redacted]

[redacted] apparently was in hope of establishing a contact with them. The efforts of Edith Barry, who has attempted [redacted] have apparently proved unsuccessful. Special Agent R. C. Suran at Chicago has advised the United States Attorney at Chicago of the assistance which [redacted] has rendered the Bureau but has stated the Bureau is not making any recommendations which will be used in connection with the trial of [redacted] on a narcotic

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charge pending against him. Telephone taps have also been placed on the telephones of Arthur Heberbrand and Tony Amersbach, Cleveland, Ohio. You will recall that Tony is the strong-armed man and bouncer employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. Rosen.  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have your letter of February 7, 1936 pertaining to the information which you have concerning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and the fact that they may be frequenting a roadhouse in the vicinity of McPherson, Kansas. I note that the information concerning these two persons was originally furnished by Jess Doyle who is presently confined in the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

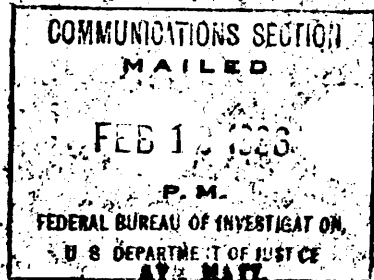
Please be advised that I have instructed Mr. H. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 629 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska to have an Agent contact you immediately with reference to this matter.

I appreciate your furnishing me with this information.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you at all times in matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-12-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-31-36; 2-4-36	REPORT MADE BY John R. Welles
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.
RE: WILLIAM E. MEADE, with aliases			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Arrangements made with Okla. City and Tulsa Police Departments for covering both cities in an attempt to locate William E. Meade.</p> <p>-P-</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, January 27, 1936.			
DETAILS: On January 31, 1936, Officers C. T. Ryan and L. J. Hilberth of the Detective Bureau of the Oklahoma City Police Department were interviewed relative to ascertaining whether William E. Meade is presently in Oklahoma City. These two officers were supplied with pictures and a description of Meade, and were requested to make investigations as suggested in reference letter. They stated that they would be very glad to be on the lookout for Meade, and would see that a police bulletin was issued which would be called to the attention, by them, of any officers who might in the future be covering the various hotels and investigating confidence game activities.			
On February 4, 1936, Captain J. D. Bills of the Detective Bureau of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, was interviewed and furnished with pictures and a description of William E. Meade. Captain Bills agreed to have reprints made of the pictures, and to instruct each of his officers to conduct investigations at the leading hotels concerning confidence men in their city, looking to the locating of William E. Meade.			
Neither of the above Police Departments were advised as			
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to why the Bureau is trying to locate Meade, but in both instances it was impressed upon them that the Bureau is extremely anxious to locate this person, and arrangements were made whereby the Oklahoma City office will immediately be notified should any information concerning Meade's whereabouts be obtained.

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REB:WFS

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

February 13, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:- RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated February 12, 1936, relative to one Edward Rudick, recently arrested at West Palm Beach, Florida, it being noted that it is suggested that Rudick is supposed to have information concerning Bernard Phillips.

You are advised that Rudick has been interviewed by an Agent of this Office since his arrest at West Palm Beach, at which time he denied knowing Bernard Phillips or Frank Rush.

A report concerning this interview will be submitted at an early date.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California.

February 10, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Angus M. Taylor, San Francisco, California, dated February 10, 1936, in the above entitled matter.

You will find attached to this letter a photographic copy of the original fingerprints of the suspect John Joseph Kendall, Berkeley, California Police Department No. 3624, who was picked up in connection with the instant case.

There is also attached a photograph of the suspect.

Very truly yours,

c.c. Cincinnati.  
c.c. Chicago.  
c.c. St. Paul.

*W. L. Listerman*

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/10/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1/14, 15/36 2/4/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Angus M. Taylor--IST</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232. HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING. HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Information received through informants that Alvin Karpis was residing in Berkeley, California. Individual alleged to have been Karpis turned out to be John Joseph Kendall, who was picked up, photographed, and fingerprinted, and later released after being interviewed. No criminal record for this individual at Berkeley Police Department. Photograph and fingerprints of Kendall forwarded Bureau by Berkeley Police. Disposition sheet submitted.			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent T. N. Stapleton, Nashville, Tennessee, 1/27/36.			
DETAILS:  <u>At San Francisco, California</u>  M. J. Vance, who is at the present time a civilian employee at Mare Island, California, and is residing at 328 Carolina Street, in the City of Vallejo, California, came to the San Francisco Bureau Office, and stated he had some definite information concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis.  He further stated that Lillian Moore, an intimate associate of his, who lived both in San Francisco and Vallejo, California, had met a person during the past six weeks who answered accurately the description of Alvin Karpis. He further stated that he would have Miss Moore come to the San Francisco Bureau Office, and give this Agent the full			
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details concerning her association with a man she claimed to be Karpis, and all the facts surrounding the situation.

Lillian Moore, who at the present time is residing at the Larsen Apartments, located at 441 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, stated she occupied apartment No. 305. She further stated she had first encountered the individual she knew as John Kendall, on the road outside of Vallejo, and that she and her mother had picked him up, and carried him into the city. She further stated that in conversation with this individual, she suggested that he might get relief from the W. P. A. in Vallejo, but he immediately replied that he could not contact any organization where he might be fingerprinted, since he was a fugitive from justice.

Lillian Moore also stated that John Kendall stated to her that he had stolen two automatic pistols from the pistol range on the U.S. Navy Post, at Mare Island, and that he carried these guns constantly.

Lillian Moore stated that she again saw John Kendall a few days later in the City of Vallejo, and that after that particular meeting she did not see him any more until December 31, 1935, at which time she brought him from the City of Vallejo down to Oakland, California. She said that at that time John Kendall was drinking heavily, and during the time that she was with him he told her that he was Alvin Karpis, and that he was wanted by all the authorities in the United States. She stated that at this point she became quite agitated over his identity, and left him in his drunken state.

Lillian Moore further stated that John Kendall was at the present time residing at 728 Delaware Street, in the City of Berkeley, California, and that he never left this particular residence except at night, and while he was in the house he kept a constant guard of the door, having his automatics ready at all times to combat any intruder.

Lillian Moore stated that she would cooperate in every way with the San Francisco Bureau Office in apprehending this particular individual.

She gave the following as a description of John Kendall, who claimed that he was Alvin Karpis:

Age	30 years.
Height	5'10".
Hair	Dark brown.
Eyes	Blue.
Complexion	Ruddy.
Build	Heavy.
Weight	160 lbs.

Lillian Moore also claimed that John Kendall had told her he had killed a Federal Officer near New Brunswick, New Jersey.

At Berkeley, California

This Agent, at Berkeley, California, was accompanied by Special Agent E. K. Humphrey.

With the assistance of informant Lillian Moore, John Kendall was observed, and it was quite apparent from his physical make-up and appearance that he was not Alvin Karpis, but from his general demeanor it seemed advisable to report his present whereabouts and activities to the local police.

This Agent contacted J. A. Greening, Chief of Police, Berkeley, California, and presented to him the facts in connection with this matter, stating that it was very apparent this man was not Alvin Karpis, and probably not a fugitive that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was interested in, and that he would probably, under the circumstances, want to pick this individual up for investigation.

Chief Greening stated that he would like to have this man picked up for investigation, and together with Lieutenant Laird, John Joseph Kendall was picked up at 728 Delaware Street, in the City of Berkeley, California, and brought to the office of the Berkeley Police Department, where he was questioned vigorously by members of the Berkeley Police Department and this Agent. It was disclosed from this interview that John Joseph Kendall apparently was not a fugitive from justice, and from his credentials was a former Marine, who was, at the present time, doing relief work in the State of California.

Following is the description of John Joseph Kendall, as observed by this Agent:

Height	5'11".
Weight	199 lbs.
Age	31 years.
Eyes	Blue.
Hair	Blond.

Complexion  
Build  
Scars

Ruddy.  
Heavy.  
1" linear scar left  
eyebrow.

The suspect was fingerprinted and photographed by the Berkeley Police, and these prints were given No. 3624, and forwarded by air mail, along with photographs of the suspect, to the Bureau of Identification, at Washington, D.C.

Photographic copies of the fingerprints and photograph of the suspect are being retained in the files of the San Francisco Office, in connection with any further investigation that might arise.

The records of the Berkeley Police Department show that John Joseph Kendall was brought in for investigation on information received by the United States Department of Justice, to the effect that he was a fugitive from justice; that the investigation disclosed mistaken identity, and that the suspect was exonerated, and released pending receipt of information based on the fingerprints that were sent in to the Bureau of Identification, Washington, D.C.

R. O. Griffin, of the Bureau of Identification, Berkeley Police Department, stated that their records failed to reveal any former arrest concerning John Joseph Kendall.

A photographic copy of the fingerprints of the suspect, together with a photograph of him, are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

Disposition sheet as to the arrest by the Berkeley Police Department of Kendall, is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau.

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Los Angeles, California.  
February 10th, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: JOSEPH E. KELLY, with aliases  
Bank Robbery. L. A. File 7-42

Reference is made to the teletype message from this office to the Chicago office under date of November 20, 1935, and to the teletype message from the Chicago office to this office under date of November 22, 1935, regarding JOSEPH E. KELLY, with aliases, who alleged participation in the robbery of a Chicago, Illinois, bank in December, 1934, being accompanied on said robbery by Russell Gibson and one Boland (possibly Byron Bolton). The latter teletype was submitted under the heading of the Brekid case. Your attention is further directed to the report of Special Agent W. J. White, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 26, 1935, which carries the caption as set out above, showing the Los Angeles office as the office of origin.

A separate file from the Brekid file is not being opened in this office and the report of Special Agent White is being filed in the Brekid file. In view of the fact that the Bureau has probably opened a file under the heading of JOSEPH E. KELLY, with aliases, Bank Robbery, for administrative purposes, said file may be considered as closed.

The results of the interview with Kelly are set forth on Page 4 of the report of Special Agent G. D. White, Los Angeles, California, dated February 4, 1936, in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. HANSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago  
cc Cincinnati  
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Los Angeles, California  
February 12, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 8, 1936, addressed to Special Agent W. E. Osborne, instructing him to report to the Phoenix office for assignment.

This is to advise that Special Agent Osborne at this time is engaged on a surveillance that is being conducted in connection with the Brekid case. No other Agent in the Los Angeles office is available for this assignment. It is not known how long the surveillance will last, and he will, therefore, not be instructed to proceed to Phoenix pending this surveillance in the Los Angeles office.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 2/13/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/20 to 2/10/36	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN EJW/EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Surveillance registry section of the Cleveland Post Office on Lett mail discontinued. Taps placed on residence telephones of Art Hebebrand and James O'Neill. Long distance telephone calls Harvard Club, residence telephones of James Patton, James O'Neill, Art Hebebrand and Ruth Eager, the latter a paramour of Hebebrand, secured. Search of her apartment unproductive. Uncertain identity of Milton Lett as participant in recent bank robberies in Ohio. Post Office Inspectors concentrating on apprehension of Lett who is closely allied with Fred Hunter. Present whereabouts unknown. Post Office Inspectors, through confidential source, ascertained Karpis occasionally visits vicinity of Cleveland and that he was in Miami in January, 1936. Cafe described by Dolores Delaney as hangout for Karpis evidently Last Chance Cafe, but nothing to indicate Karpis' presence there at present time, indications being she is mistaken in location. Neither Patton nor Hebebrand presently maintaining rooms at Hollenden Hotel. George R. Benton residing Flushing and Dayton, Ohio. Neighbors in vicinity of 4419 West 171st Street unable to identify Hebebrand or Patton visiting subjects in the summer of 1934. Kay Glazier, Canton, Ohio, mistaken in identity of Alvin Karpis. Partial check data found subjects' residences, Cleveland, September, 1934, checked with negative results. Mile-A-Minute Kid unknown Toledo and Cleveland. Vacuum cleaner salesman, Sears Roebuck

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Company identifies Karpis as having "flashed" private detective credentials on him in spring of 1934, but unable to identify particular agency. Frank J. Noonan, Cleveland, apparently "racket."

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 12/16/35;  
Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2/6/36;  
Report of Special Agent W. M. Bott, Boston, Massachusetts, dated 1/14/36;  
Bureau letter dated 1/14/36;  
Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/20/36;  
Bureau letter dated 1/18/36.



DETAILS:

Surveillance at the registry section of the Main Post Office, Cleveland, Ohio, with reference to letters mailed at that point, addressed to Mrs. Maggie Lett, Wauh, Oklahoma, was discontinued on January 20, 1936,  
in view of the information which has previously reported in this case indicating that undoubtedly the sender of the registered letters was Milton Lett, son of Mrs. Maggie Lett, who was in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio during part of which time he was employed at the Harvard Club.

Effective February 4, 1936 a telephone tap was placed on the telephone of Marie Flynn, 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19, Lakewood, Ohio, telephone number LAKewood 6554M, previous Bureau authority having been secured. This telephone tap was for the primary purpose of covering conversations of James "Tip" O'Neill, who lives at that address, and who, as previously reported in this investigation, is closely associated with the operators of the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio. The plant from which this telephone is being tapped is located at 1297 Idlewood Avenue, upstairs, and is being maintained by Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney and H. B. Dill.

Effective February 6, 1936, prior authority having been secured, a telephone tap was placed on the telephone of Art Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone number CLEarwater 0171, the tap being run into an upstairs apartment at 3830 West 157th Street, and is presently being maintained by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and L. A. Ducommun. As a result of information obtained on the telephone tap of Art Hebebrand, indicating that he was about to leave town on the late evening of February 7, 1936, he was invited to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was thoroughly interrogated by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, and the interview with Hebebrand has been covered by letter submitted by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated February 11, 1936.

The confidential informant of the Cleveland office, who was formerly employed at the Harvard Club, called at the Cleveland office on January 21st and 27th, 1936, at which time he advised that on January 25, 1936 Art Hebebrand had been out all day with William F. Fergus and that upon coming home he was somewhat intoxicated and very much worried and told his brother-in-law, Bill Carlisle, that he, Hebebrand, was being investigated for alleged income tax violations and also for harboring Karpis. The confidential informant received this information [REDACTED] b7c b7d

The confidential informant further advised that Art Hebebrand has been having an affair with a girl by the name of Ruth, who, when at the Harvard Club, was head Keno girl. The confidential informant's information was that Ruth originally came from Marion, Ohio, and lived in Cleveland with her aunt somewhere in the vicinity of 138th and Lorain Avenue; that she has two daughters, ages about ten and eight years, who attend St. Joseph's Academy at Cleveland, Ohio; that Ruth at one time befriended a dealer at the Harvard Club, who was discharged by Art Hebebrand, this dealer being known to the informant as Benny the Lug, and that the latter owned a Packard automobile. As will be set out in detail subsequently in this report, Ruth at the present time is driving a Packard Victoria with Ohio license plates #JU663, which were originally issued to Benny Levine. He died in December, 1935.

The confidential informant advised, upon viewing a photograph of Fred Hunter, that the latter was employed at the Harvard Club in the spring of 1935, and that while employed there as a card dealer he appeared to be very intimate with Art Hebebrand and Tony Amersbach; that he was under the impression that Hunter resided somewhere in the vicinity of Madison and Rocky River Road in an apartment building. He was unable to associate Milton Lett intimately with Fred Hunter.

Investigation was made by this Agent and Special Agent E. J. Dowd in the vicinity of Madison Avenue and Riverside Drive, the latter being an extension of Rocky River Road, at the Parkview, Riverside, and Larchmont Apartments. However, Hunter could not be identified as ever having resided in any of the above mentioned apartments.

Special Agent C. E. Smith and this Agent, at Akron, Ohio, with the assistance of Detective Robert Van Steenberg, interviewed J. T. Dunn, a local gambler, mentioned in reference report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936. Dunn stated upon viewing a photograph of Milton Lett that he knew the latter by the name of Thomas J. Shaw, it appearing that he first became acquainted with him over a year ago, at which time he was brought to Dunn's place by Fred Hunter, the latter being known by Dunn at that time as Fred King; that Lett played cards at Dunn's gambling place and always appeared to be "well healed" with money, having in his possession at all times sums of money aggregating \$1,000; that he last saw Lett in his place at Akron, Ohio, in about April of 1935, that is previous to the occasion of his seeing Lett at the time the latter was arrested in Akron, Ohio on October 19, 1935; that on the occasion of Lett's arrest, Fred Hunter came to Dunn and requested him to call the police department to see what charge Lett was being held on; that on the occasion of Lett's arrest, one Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio, was picked up with him, but was released; that since the release of Lett by the Akron Police Department he, Dunn, has not seen him and has no information concerning his whereabouts.

With reference to Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio, Detective Van Steenberg advised that it is his understanding that Hall is a gambler of some prominence in Youngstown and has some employment connection with the Bethlehem Steel Company of Youngstown, Ohio. It would appear according to the facts related by Detective Van Steenberg that there is a definite connection between Fred Hunter, Clayton Hall, and Milton Lett.

Detective Van Steenberg, at a time subsequent to the interview, furnished the Cleveland office with the following memorandum concerning information he had received in regard to Fred Hunter:

"Fred Hunter was in Akron on October 18, 1935 and recommended to one Akron man where to sell some gambling equipment in Cleveland. Hunter was taken to Cleveland by the local Akron man on the 18th of October. Hunter gave the Akron man an introduction to Mr. Hebebrand of the Harvard Club and Mr. Patton of the Thomas Club. Both Hebebrand and Patton placed orders for equipment with the Akron man, who in turn gave Hunter a commission for the sale and connection.

"On this date Hunter, alias King, told the Akron man that he had traded his Ford coupe in Cleveland for a new V8 sedan, and that the deal would go through in several days; that the V8 was not yet ready. Fred Hunter had his Ford then in the name of Harold King and supposed to be registered in Warren County under that name, and Hunter then asked for and received a courtesy card from the Western Union in Akron under the name of King, and gave as his address 1394 Oak Street, S. W., Warren, Ohio, care of Mr. Anderson of the Single G Club.

"Fred Hunter was in Washington, D. C. some time in October and sold to one John Evans, who runs a gambling joint in Washington, D. C., a large order for gambling equipment. It was then that things began to happen and the Akron man never received the order from Hunter directly, and has not heard of Hunter since then. On November 6th John Evans telegraphed from Washington, D. C. to the Akron man about the delayed order he had placed with Hunter. The Akron man then shipped to Evans in Washington, D. C. the order. He is still holding the \$25.00 check of Fred Hunter for Hunter's commission, and will notify us if and when Fred Hunter writes or places any other orders for the Akron man."

Referring to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated October 19, 1935, it is noted that an individual, apparently Fred Hunter, but known as Harold King, was in the vicinity of Hot Springs, under suspicious circumstances, with a person thought to be Tommy Coleman, reputedly a Cleveland gangster.

J. T. Dunn was interrogated with reference to any knowledge he had in regard to a man by the name of Coleman. He identified Akron Police Department photograph #17333 as being a person who travelled with Fred Hunter, by the name of Trafton who is a crooked gambler and a suspicious individual. He is described as follows:

Age	-	29 (1928)
Height	-	5'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Weight	-	135 pounds
Hair	-	Medium brown
Eyes	-	Blue
Teeth	-	False
Complexion	-	Medium
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	American
		(born at Henderson, Ky.)
Scars and marks	-	Tattoo on outer left forearm of bathing girl

Criminal Record as obtained from Akron Police Department:

2/18/29 - Arrested - suspicious person.

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The Bureau is being requested by separate letter for the criminal record of this individual, and based upon further investigation in the vicinity of Akron, Youngstown, and Warren, Ohio, the Cleveland office will consider the advisability of checking further with reference to this individual in the hope that through him Milton Lett may be located.

In view of the fact that Lett has been reported to have been in possession of considerable money while in Ohio, and further since his description fitted somewhat generally the description of participants in various bank robberies in the Cleveland district, investigation was conducted for the purpose of determining whether or not witnesses could identify Lett as having participated in any of the recent bank robberies.

Following is the result of such investigation conducted by Special Agent H. B. Dill:



The following bank robberies occurred in the Cleveland territory:

- (1) Citizens Bank of Madison, Madison, Ohio on 10/25/35 at 1:45 P. M. Cleveland file No. 91-29;
- (2) The Farmers National Bank, Salem, Ohio on 11/4/35 at 3:30 P. M. Cleveland file No. 91-32;
- (3) The Union Banking Company, Columbiana, Ohio on 12/26/35 at 12:30 P. M. Cleveland file No. 91-37.

In connection with the instant case, pictures of the following men were shown to witnesses of the above bank robberies for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any of these men were involved in any of the above-mentioned robberies:

- (1) William Hunter
- (2) Sam Coker,
- (3) Veril Love,
- (4) James F. O'Neill
- (5) Fred Hunter,
- (6) Milton Lett,
- (7) Tommy Trafton, alias Coleman.

Witnesses to the robbery at Salem, Ohio, who were shown the above-mentioned pictures made no identifications. Those witnesses are:

- (1) W. L. Hart, Cashier, Farmers National Bank, Salem, Ohio;
- (2) Mrs. L. B. Smith, 531 Aetna Avenue, Salem, Ohio;
- (3) James Gurleo, 406 Franklin Street, Salem, Ohio;
- (4) Russell Stallsmith, 808 South Washington, Salem, Ohio.

George Gottschling, 966 East Fifth Street, Salem, Ohio, was a witness to the Salem, Ohio robbery and he was shown the above pictures with a number of other pictures. From the group, Gottschling selected Milton Lett's picture and stated that although he could not positively identify Lett as being one of the men, his picture most resembled one of the two he noticed closely. Gottschling stated that he was going south in his model T Ford and that the bandits were headed north on the road he was travelling by the Salem Post Office. He stated that there were two men seated in the front seat of the bandits' car and that Lett's picture resembles one of them. He could not state which one. He stated that the two men got out of the car when the other bandits returned with the money, and that one of the men who had been in the front seat went to the rear of the car and turned up the license plate, but that he did not know whether he was the one who resembled Lett or not.

Charles Safreed, 541 Ohio Avenue, Salem, Ohio, was also a witness to the Salem robbery. He was contacted by the writer at the Mona Manufacturing Company, where he works, and he was shown the above-mentioned pictures with a group of other pictures. Safreed selected Milton Lett's picture and stated that he could not make a positive identification, but that Lett resembles the man who picked up the money after Mr. Vincent was told to drop it by one of the bandits. He stated that the man resembling Lett then ran with the money to the rear of the bandit car and turned up the license plate.

The following witnesses of the Union Banking Company robbery, Columbiana, Ohio, were shown the above-mentioned pictures without making any identifications. The list of witnesses named below also includes those who were not actual eye witnesses to the robbery, but who had an opportunity, either before or after the bank was robbed, to see the bandits:

- (1) E. P. Funkhouser, Vice Pres., Union Banking Company, Columbiana, Ohio;
- (2) Miss Sylvia Smith, Union Banking Company employee, Columbiana, Ohio;
- (3) Miss Mary Crawford, Union Banking Company employee, Columbiana, Ohio;
- (4) Emory C. Wilkinson, 608 Parkwood Ave., Youngstown, Ohio;
- (5) W. A. Pearson, 1232 South Street, SE, Warren, Ohio;
- (6) R. T. Baker, Columbiana, Ohio;
- (7) Charles Keller, Columbiana, Ohio;
- (8) Richard Reedsaw, 228 Railroad Ave., Columbiana, Ohio;
- (9) Charles Rapp, Columbiana, Ohio;
- (10) Mr. and Mrs. Alton Higley, Columbiana Floral Co., Columbiana, Ohio;
- (11) Paul E. Myers, 517 Twelfth St., NE, Canton, Ohio.

Mr. J. T. Tidd, Tidd Department Store, located just across the street from the Union Banking Company, Columbiana, Ohio, was a witness to the robbery. On being interviewed by the writer, Tidd stated that the day the bank was robbed his wife was upstairs over the store and she called to him and told him the bank was being robbed. He got the shot gun, left at his store by the bank, and went to the window over the department store and fired at the bandit, who was watching the front of the bank while the others were inside. Tidd was shown the above-mentioned pictures with a group of others and selected the pictures of Milton Lett and Tommy Trafton, alias Tommy Coleman, as resembling the bandit in front of the bank. He stated that he could not make a positive identification, however. He further stated that the picture of Tommy Trafton resembled the bandit more than the picture of Milton Lett, but he thought the bandit was taller than five feet five and one-fourth inches, which height was given on the back of Coleman's picture.

Mrs. J. T. Tidd, wife of J. T. Tidd, on being interviewed by Agent, stated that she saw the bandit who was standing in front of the bank while the bank was being robbed. She was shown the group of pictures and from it she selected the picture of Tommy Trafton as most resembling the bandit in front of the bank. She did not, however, make a positive identification. Mrs. Tidd's selection was made entirely independent of her husband's and at a different time than that when he selected the picture of Tommy Coleman as resembling the above-mentioned bandit.

Robert Sponseller, 26 Union Street, Columbiana, Ohio, on being interviewed stated that on the day the Union Banking Company was robbed, he was walking on the sidewalk just across the street from the bank and was told to "move along" by the bandit who was standing on the outside of the bank. Sponseller was furnished with the above-mentioned pictures and other pictures. From the group he selected Tommy Trafton as the one who most resembled the man on the sidewalk in front of the bank. He stated, however, that the identification was not positive.

George Barr, Barr Barber Shop, Columbiana, Ohio, on being interviewed stated that at the time the bank was being robbed he came out of his shop, which is located across the street and up the alley from the instant bank, and walked up the alley toward the bank; that the bandit, who was standing outside of the bank, shot several times at the upstairs window of Tidd's Department Store, and then shot down the alley toward him. He was shown the above-mentioned group of pictures and from it he selected the picture of Tommy Coleman, alias Tommy Trafton, as the individual who most resembles the bandit he saw.

Mr. Emory C. Wilkinson, 608 Parkwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, on being interviewed stated that at about one P. M., December 26, 1935, he was driving an R. B. Bakery truck north on highway No. 7; when he reached the intersection where Highway No. 7 intersects Highway No. 14, he noticed a car coming at an exceedingly high rate of speed. He stopped to let this car get by. He stated that the car was a large, black, Buick sedan; that he could not see how many men were in the back seat, but that there were two in the front seat. Wilkinson stated that he turned east onto Highway No. 14, and just after he had gone through Unity, Ohio, four men in a black Plymouth sedan passed him at a high rate of speed. He stated that he did not know whether or not the Plymouth had a trunk on the rear, nor did he know whether it was a two-door or four-door model. Wilkinson stated that the Plymouth was going too fast for him to get the license number.

Mr. W. A. Pearson, 1232 South Street, SE, Warren, Ohio, on being interviewed by Agent, stated that on December 26, 1935, about 12:30 P. M. he was in Columbiana, Ohio on business; that he was on his way out of town and he drove by the Union Banking Company and noticed a big, new, black, Buick sedan near the bank. He stated that he paid little attention to the driver of the Buick, instead he was looking at the car because he had been considering buying one like it. He stated that just after he had left Columbiana on Highway No. 14, this Buick passed him; that he was travelling about fifty miles per hour, and it was his opinion that the Buick was travelling about ninety miles per hour; that he noticed someone looking out the back window and heard the chains beating against the fenders as if they were broken. Pearson further stated that just before he reached Unity, Ohio, he noticed a gray Plymouth or Ford; that he was fairly certain it was a Plymouth, but that it might have been a Ford; this Plymouth was about one city block ahead of him. He stated that he was certain the car did not have a trunk on the rear; that there was a spare tire on the rear; that he did not know how many men were in the car, but when he first noticed it a man was getting in on the right side of the car, probably in the front seat.

Continuing, Pearson stated that the gray car started at a fast rate of speed; that the last time he saw it it turned north from Highway No. 14 at Unity, Ohio onto Highway #170 (toward Petersburg, Ohio.) Pearson stated that he later learned that the place at which he saw the gray car start was the nearest point on Highway #14 to where the Buick (the getaway car) was found.

Mr. Pearson stated that he did not believe he would recognize the man he saw driving the car (Buick) near the bank at Columbiana, Ohio. He was shown the above-mentioned pictures, but made no identification. He stated he did not get close enough to read the license plates on the gray car.

Mr. Emory C. Wilkinson, Youngstown, Ohio, stated he did not see the men in either the Buick or the Plymouth. He was, therefore, not shown the pictures.

The above mentioned pictures were shown to the witnesses of the Citizens Bank of Madison, Madison, Ohio, Cleveland file No. 91-29, case entitled, LELAND E. CUMMINGS; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CITIZENS BANK OF MADISON, Madison, Ohio - Bank robbery.

Mr. George D. Lippert, Cashier of the instant bank, on being shown these pictures, made no identifications.

Mr. C. C. Lawson, Assistant Cashier of the instant bank, on being shown these pictures made no identifications.

Mr. L. E. Robinson, 55 Park Street, Madison, Ohio, stated he was sitting in the park just across the street from the bank, and he saw the men leave the bank, get into their car, and speed down the street. However, he did not see them at close enough range to be able to identify them from the pictures.

Mr. S. A. Shupe, manager of the Sohio Oil Station located just across the park from the instant bank (about a block away) stated that immediately after the bank was robbed, he noticed an automobile, of which he could not give a definite description, pass west in front of his station. He stated, however, that he did not see any of the occupants of the car and, therefore, could not identify any of them from the pictures.

Mrs. Ava Nelson, 123 River Street, Madison, Ohio, selected the picture of Milton Lett and stated that he looked very much like the man who sat out in the car while the other two robbers were in the bank, but who came into the bank at the time she, as a customer, entered the bank to get a check cashed; that after she had been told by one of the bandits that there was no cash with which to cash a check, she started to leave the bank, but was told by Bandit #3, as he pushed a gun into the small of her back, to go back into the bank. She stated that she had been speaking of this bandit as Bandit #3.

It will be noted that the bandit mentioned above is referred to as Bandit #3 in reports submitted in the above mentioned bank robbery, and Mrs. Ava Nelson is the only one who could give a description of this bandit. Mrs. Nelson stated that of the numerous pictures she has seen, including the pictures in the bank robbery album of the Cleveland office, and other pictures shown to her by Agents of the Cleveland office, and other pictures, this is the first time she has seen a picture which resembles Bandit #3. This statement of Mrs. Nelson's is verified by the Cleveland office file No. 91-29. It will be noted on page seven of the report of Special Agent D. E. Wells, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 30, 1935, in the above mentioned file, that after being shown the bank robbers' album, Mrs. Nelson did not make an identification; that she did, however, state that Cummings resembled Bandit #1, after it was called to her attention by an Agent of this office and also by Mr. Lippert, cashier of the instant bank.

The description of Bandit #3, set out in the report of Special Agent D. E. Wells, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 30, 1935, page 7, is as follows:



Age	-	30-35 years
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	150 pounds
Build	-	Broad and short
Complexion	-	Ruddy
Hair	-	Brown
Eyes	-	Light brown or hazel with peculiar glint
Voice	-	Low and hard
Face	-	Looked young, except for deep furrows and wrinkles, deep wrinkles in face, skin loose, loose lips
Peculiarities	-	Noticeably long fingers in spite of short height and stocky build; talked from corner of mouth.
Dress	-	Gray felt hat, brown loose fitting suit.

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A description of Milton Lett as is given on the back of his picture taken by the Akron Police Department on October 20, 1935, Akron Police Department #26337, is as follows:

Age	-	21 years
Height	-	5'7"
Weight	-	143 pounds
Hair	-	Dark brown
Eyes	-	Blue
Race	-	White
Build	-	Medium
Marital Status	-	Single
Nationality	-	American
Aliases	-	Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker.
FPC	-	Clean shaven
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Mrs. Nelson stated that of the picture taken by the Akron Police Department, the picture on the extreme right in which Lett is wearing a hat, bears the most resemblance to Bandit #3. She stated that she could not positively identify Lett from the picture, but that she was almost certain that he was the man known to her as Bandit #3. She stated that Bandit #3 wore his shirt and tie just as Lett does in the picture taken of him by the Akron Police Department. She stated, however, she did not notice any wrinkles in the picture, but she did seem to notice wrinkles in the man's face, known to her as Bandit #3.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent E. J. Dowd:

On the morning of January 21, 1936, Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick in interview at his office advised that post office inspectors have been conducting investigations at Coffeyville, Kansas and Oklahoma in an effort to locate MILTON LETT. He stated that from reports received by him Lett was last seen at Coffeyville during the middle or latter part of December, 1935; that the four inspectors who are now exclusively engaged on the Garrettsville mail train robbery, under his supervision, have a line on Lett and hope to locate him in the near future.

According to Inspector Hettrick the Post Office Department is in a position to pay as much as \$2,000 reward on each of the five men who actually participated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and in addition thereto Inspector Hettrick stated he can pay immediately \$1,000 to any person furnishing information to him which will lead to the arrest of any or all of the men who participated in the robbery. He advised that in addition to paid confidential informants, peace officers are cooperating with the post office inspectors and making a diligent search to locate a number of suspects, among them being Lett, Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. He advised that in the event any of the last named suspects are located or taken into custody the Cleveland office will be promptly notified.

Mr. Hettrick advised that he received information to the effect that Agents of this Bureau were making inquiry concerning one FRED HUNTER. In this connection Mr. Hettrick stated that the post office inspectors have been making an extensive investigation to locate Hunter, who is a possible suspect in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, inasmuch as Hunter has been reported as having been in company with Milton Lett on the night of October 24, 1935, when inquiries were made by them at the Plymouth Agency of the Knowles-Brown Company, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, regarding the Plymouth sedan which was purchased from that company on October 25, 1935 and used in the Garrettsville mail train robbery on November 7, 1935. While he did not reveal the source of this information about Fred Hunter, it is probable that Post Office Inspector H. W. Tavenor of Youngstown, Ohio, has furnished Inspector Hettrick with the information, inasmuch as he is one of the inspectors working on the Garrettsville mail train robbery.

In this connection the name of Fred Hunter is mentioned in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936. The same report reflects a detailed account of the investigation conducted by the Cleveland Bureau office as to Fred Hunter. During the course of this investigation a photograph of Fred Hunter was procured and additional copies were made by the

Chicago Bureau office, three of which were furnished to Post Office Inspector Hettrick upon his request.

On January 28, 1936 this Agent in company with Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, interviewed Post Office Inspector Hettrick, who at that time stated that the latest information received by him from Oklahoma and Kansas was to the effect that Milton Lett had not been located, as he evidently had been "tipped off" that the Government was looking for him, inasmuch as he failed to show up at any of his usual contact places in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

Continuing, Inspector Hettrick stated that one of his confidential informants at Cleveland reported that Alvin Karpis is apparently travelling alone. In this connection Inspector Hettrick stated that Karpis is reported to have visited the Wooden Shoe Inn located on West 117th Street, several blocks south of Lorain Avenue; that the last time Karpis is reported to have visited this place was just before the Harvard Club closed; that while at the Wooden Shoe Inn Karpis is supposed to have contacted James "Tip" O'Neill, later going to the Harvard Club with him. Inspector Hettrick stated that his informant made some mention about a married sister of "Tip" O'Neill harboring Karpis, and that it is quite possible that when Karpis visited the Wooden Shoe Inn he remained over night in one of the rooms located on the second floor of the building. Inspector Hettrick advised that "Tip" O'Neill is not in Cleveland at the present time as he has not seen him and has been unable to contact him. The Harvard Club was raided and closed on January 10, 1936 by the County Prosecutor's Office.

The Cleveland telephone book lists the Wooden Shoe Inn as 3501 West 117th Street, telephone Clearwater 2323, which is in the vicinity of the location where Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell formerly resided when they were in Cleveland in 1934.

On January 31, 1936 this Agent in company with Special Agent E. J. Wynn visited the Wooden Shoe Inn but there was no activity of any kind noted. Further investigation as to the Wooden Shoe Inn will be found in report of investigation conducted by Special Agent C. E. Smith.

On page 23 of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated September 25, 1934, there is a notation on a blank deposit slip of the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, "7733 Dercum, off Jones Road." According to the Cleveland city directory there is a 7733 Dercum Road. The name of William J. Richards appears as owner and occupant of the premises, with his wife, Edna F. Discreet investigation revealed that Mr. Richards bears a good reputation and is



presently employed, and has been for several years, with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company as a watchman, and prior thereto, for a period of about eighteen years, he was with the inspection department of the Cleveland Police Department.

Upon being interviewed on January 28, 1936 by this agent, Mr. Richards verified the above information and stated that in addition to being employed as a watchman at night, he is a dog fancier, and has raised pedigreed dogs for quite a number of years; that in this connection he occasionally advertises in the Cleveland Press and the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspapers; that he recalls that in response to one of these advertisements a man called on him one Saturday afternoon in August, 1934, and gave his name as H. G. Milgreth; that at the time this man purchased a bull terrier pup for \$35.00. In making payment the man exhibited a large roll of bills. At the time of purchasing the dog, this man, Milgreth, who was later identified as Alvin Karpis, requested Mr. Richards to keep the dog until the following day as he was going to the Harvard Club to do "a little gambling." The next morning Milgreth returned for the dog and at that time he was accompanied by a woman whom he introduced as his wife. This woman was later identified by Mr. Richards as Dolores Delaney. Mr. Richards stated that on both occasions Milgreth drove to his home in a new Ford coupe. According to Mr. Richards he carried on quite a conversation with Milgreth and was convinced that Milgreth was quite familiar with Cleveland and adjoining suburbs. Mr. Richards advised that three weeks after Milgreth purchased the dog he noticed in the Cleveland newspapers that the apartment raided was that of Alvin Karpis; that shortly thereafter officers from the Cleveland Police Department visited him and took him to the Cleveland police headquarters where he was interviewed and made a signed statement in connection with his acquaintance with Milgreth.

Agent exhibited to Mr. Richards the photographs of Alvin Karpis and he immediately identified them as the same person who called at his home under the name of H. G. Milgreth.

Mr. Richards further stated that after Milgreth took the dog he requested that the pedigree be mailed to him at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, which is the address where Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney resided under the name of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth, and which apartment was raided during their absence on September 5, 1934 by Cleveland police officers. According to Mr. Richards the photograph of Alvin Karpis bears an excellent likeness of him.

He further stated that on a number of occasions before the Harvard Club closed he visited the place in search of Karpis, but failed to find him there. The address and telephone number of the

Cleveland Bureau office were left with Mr. Richards in the event he received any information indicating the whereabouts of Karpis.

On February 2, 1936 Agent and Special Agent C. E. Smith interviewed Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, who advised that Milton Lett had not been located by them. When Mr. Hettrick was informed of the report of a recent raid on the home of Milton Lett at Wann, Oklahoma by Kansas City State Highway officers, and possibly post office inspectors, he stated that if such a raid had taken place he had no knowledge of it and furthermore advised that he doubts very much if any post office inspectors participated in this raid inasmuch as the inspectors especially assigned to the Garrettsville mail train robbery case and working under his supervision received no such instructions from him. Mr. Hettrick stated that the last report received from Oklahoma and Kansas, dated January 25, 1936, stated that Lett was last seen in Nevada, Missouri the latter part of December, 1935, at which time a confidential informant of the post office inspectors talked to Lett and received information from him to the effect that he was making a trip to Fort Scott, Kansas. At this time Lett is reported to have left his car behind him at Nevada, Missouri, and it was later driven away by an unknown person.

Mr. Hettrick stated that from the information in his possession he is convinced that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell are two of the men who actually participated in the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935, and there is a possibility that Sam Coker was also with them, together with two other men whose names are known to the post office inspectors, but whom he would not reveal at that time. He stated that Sam Coker is presently in Oklahoma and that he can be picked up at any time, but that the post office inspectors are confining their efforts to locate and interview Milton Lett, whom they believe is in touch with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and other members of the Garrettsville mail train robbery gang; that when Lett is located and interviewed Inspector Hettrick believes he will be able to furnish valuable information inasmuch as Lett is reported to have purchased the Plymouth sedan used in the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

Recent information concerning the possible whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, Inspector Hettrick stated, was secured by a post office inspector working in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio. This information was received through a confidential woman informant, who indicated that Alvin Karpis, three or four days before the Garrettsville mail train robbery, was within 150 miles of Cleveland; that Karpis visited with this woman, who received a new \$5 Federal Reserve note, series 1928B, #D25041434A, on the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank. Mr. Hettrick stated that the reason for the woman's taking the number of this bill was because she recognized Karpis, who at the time displayed a large

roll of bills and when he removed his clothing he took two guns from underneath his clothes and placed them beside the bed. According to this woman, Karpis came to her home driving a 1934 or 1935 dark, Hudson coupe. She was unable to get the license number but did notice that it was an Ohio license plate beginning and ending with the letter "H". She also stated that she noted that Karpis has upper false teeth and two gold crowns in the lower jaw; that he also has a slight scar on one side of his face from his ear to his neck; that when he visited her he wore dark glasses. No information was available as to which side of Karpis' face the scar was on.

The Cincinnati office was requested by letter dated February 3, 1936, to check all Hudson automobiles having license numbers beginning H-1-H to H-999-H.

Inspector Hettrick stated that he desires to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Cleveland office, and in furnishing any information in his possession, he impressed upon Agent the necessity of treating it in strict confidence so that no other post office inspector will know from where the information comes.

Special Agent C. E. Smith interviewed Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick on the 8th of February, 1936 and was advised by him that the post office inspectors working on the Garrettsville mail train robbery had interviewed Mrs. Lett, mother of Milton Lett, after deputy sheriffs had made an unsuccessful raid on her home, said raid being made for the purpose of causing the apprehension of Milton Lett. According to Inspector Hettrick the postal authorities have covered all possible contacts of Lett in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma and other localities that he has been known to frequent.

Continuing, Mr. Hettrick stated that he had recently come into possession of information, the source of which he did not divulge to Agent, that Karpis had caused a package of some description to be sent to Miami, Florida for him within the past three or four weeks and the package had been forwarded to some place in the west for Karpis. Mr. Hettrick was unable to state, or would not state, whether Karpis himself had been in Miami, nor would he advise whether the package had been shipped by parcel post, express or regular mail.

According to Mr. Hettrick he had been advised by a postmaster, whose name he would not disclose, that he, the postmaster, had talked with Karpis, but had withheld the information for about three weeks. Continuing, Hettrick intimated that the postmaster had a brother who is an attorney.

It was Agent's impression, gained from what Mr. Hettrick stated, that the postmaster came in person to Mr. Hettrick. Agent also gained the impression that the package forwarded from Miami for or to Karpis was forwarded to Oklahoma. Continuing, Mr. Hettrick stated that Karpis is now travelling alone and had considerable money on his person, somewhere in the amount of \$50,000.

Bureau letter of reference dated January 14, 1936, advised that the Bureau was in possession of information indicating that a confidence man known as Mile-A-Minute Kid of Cleveland, Ohio, was allegedly harboring Karpis at the present time. Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer contacted Chief of Detectives Joseph Sweeney of the Cleveland Police Department, who, for a number of years, has been actively engaged in investigating confidence rackets in Cleveland, Ohio, and who has a reputation of knowing all of the important confidence men in this section of the country. He advised that he had never heard of the Mile-A-Minute Kid. In this connection reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Massachusetts, dated January 22, 1936, particularly to page seven, wherein it is indicated that one George L. Ferry, alias George Ferry, alias Mile-A-Minute is set forth as a possible contact of William Elmer Mead. It is suggested that possibly this individual may be the person referred to by the Bureau letter of reference as Mile-A-Minute Kid.

In addition to the investigation conducted at Cleveland with reference to the Mile-A-Minute Kid, Special Agent C. E. Smith made inquiry at the Toledo, Ohio Police Department among officers, who were acquainted with confidence men, but no information was obtained reflecting that the Mile-A-Minute Kid is known in that city.

From time to time in the past, as set out in previous reports in this case, information developed has indicated that undoubtedly some member of the Cleveland Police Department tipped off Karpis and Campbell to the fact that Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon, and Wynona Burdette were in custody of the Cleveland Police Department in September, 1934, and that as a result of this, Karpis and Campbell and other members of the gang immediately fled from Cleveland. Inspector Frank Story of the Cleveland Police Department has been cooperating closely with the Cleveland office in this matter, and recently advised Special Agent C. E. Smith and this Agent that he had determined that a member of the police department, now deceased, made a call to the Harvard Club at the time of the aforementioned arrest of these women, it being Story's opinion that possibly this was an innocent call, inasmuch as the officer was of the opinion that the women were associated with some gambler employed at the Harvard Club. He further advised that the information was that on the following morning, Captain Potts, then captain of detectives, also called the Harvard Club with reference to the arrest of the women, but that he, Story, could not learn definitely the circumstances under which Potts called, or just what he said during the conversation.

It is to be recalled, as set out in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 25, 1934, that at the time the Cleveland Police Department, in September, 1934, raided the home at 3973 West 140th Street, formerly occupied by Karpis and



Dolores Delaney, there was found a slip of paper bearing the following written notations: "Phillip Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; Edward Summers, Charles Ward, Jesse Donovan." It is definitely known that Tony Amersbach is a Cleveland gangster of the muscle type, undoubtedly a bodyguard for Art Hebebrand of the Harvard Club, and that he has served a sentence in the Ohio State Penitentiary for burglary. Captain Story advised that Phillip Amersbach is Tony's brother, and that Phillip is presently incarcerated in a penitentiary in the state of Indiana for bank robbery, presumably the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana. Inasmuch as no information has ever been obtained concerning the identity of the other names appearing on the aforementioned slip of paper, other than Phillip Amersbach, the Indianapolis office is being requested to appropriately interview Phillip Amersbach for any information he can offer concerning the presence of the slip of paper in the apartment of Karpis, and the identity of the other men whose names appear on the paper.

Frank J. Noonan, operator of a private detective agency at Cleveland, Ohio, has been mentioned from time to time in past investigations in this case, it being recalled that on the occasion of the raid at 3973 West 140th Street in September, 1934, certain pay envelopes of his agency were found in the house with the name of H. G. Milgreth written on them, which was an alias of Karpis at the time he resided there. It is also to be recalled with reference to Noonan that Dolores Delaney recently indicated that Karpis at the time he was in Cleveland, Ohio, had a private detective's credentials.

For the purpose of securing some history of Frank J. Noonan, Agent contacted Jake Mintz, who operates a private detective agency in Cleveland, and who is well regarded and is reputed to conduct a respectable business. He advised that Frank J. Noonan came from a very good family and inherited considerable money; that as a young man, however, he was quite a play-boy around Cleveland, and always was a mysterious individual; that as time went on he became closely allied with Tommy McGinty, a powerful Cleveland politician, and undoubtedly McGinty was instrumental in setting Noonan up in the detective agency business and securing business for him; that McGinty is interested in various racetracks and gambling institutions in the city of Cleveland, and as a result the racetracks are always protected by Noonan's men; that of late Noonan has made no pretense of conducting actively a detective business, but spends most of his time around the Hollenden Hotel "chinning" with the various racketeers and confidence men, who are always found loitering there.

Mr. J. M. McGrath, who operates one of the largest private detective agencies in Cleveland, was interviewed with reference to Noonan and he advised that so far as he could determine Noonan is not actively engaged in the private detective business, but is more or less of a contact man for various racketeers in Cleveland and vicinity.

--- Mr. McGrath furnished the following anonymous letter received by him from some member of the Cleveland Police Department:

"My dear Jim:

"I want to put you wise to what is happening about race tracks and why you cannot get the job. This fellow, Frank Noonan, who was a strike breaker, was run out of Cleveland many years ago for passing bum checks and double-crossing Pop Coach, his employer, and is now soliciting the race track work through the aid of Gideon Rabshaw - the biggest crook and dummy that was ever in the Police Department.

"Rabshaw is telling the race track people that if they do not employ Noonan, Sheriff Hanratty will not let them race. The reason of this is, that Rabshaw and Noonan and Joe Ball are going 50-50 on the profits. If the race tracks open, watch these fellows work together. When Rabshaw was in the police department and even now, as you know, he did not have a friend. When Frank Woods was a member of the detective department, Rabshaw and Noonan tried to frame him but several of the other boys got wise to it and Frank Woods was so mad that he chased Noonan out of town and Noonan never returned until after Woods' death. He met him on Euclid Avenue and ran him to the Star Theater, over the stage and out on Vincent Street.

"This Rabshaw has been double-crossing Hanratty ever since he has been in office and if they use the power of the Sheriff's office to get your work, I will furnish you the names of pay-off guys who settled with Rabshaw on the slot machines and booze joints in the county. Nate Weinberger and Tony Fitzpatrick are some of the pay-off guys.

"You can use this letter for whatever it is worth. Only last week Rabshaw and Noonan were at the Hollenden Hotel in a conference with Ed Stronge and his bunch making arrangements to protect Thistledown. If you want to know anything further about Rabshaw, ask Emmett Potts, Inspector Cody, Andy Hagen, or John Toner.

"Noonan and this fellow Biddlemeyer, who is now in a jam in the Fleming double-cross racket which Ray Miller, the County Prosecutor, is now checking up, blackmailed a lot of people when they worked together. This fellow, Noonan, recently double-crossed Sheriff Maloney out of Painesville. He was employed to investigate liquor cases and get his money and afterwards tipped the bootleggers off. Ask Maloney about this and he will tell you the facts. Now Noonan wants to work with Gideon and shake the bookmakers down. Now you know why you, the Burns', Jake Mintz, Folger, and McGrath, cannot get any of the detective



and police work in the county. If I were you, I would make some copies of this letter and mail them to everybody concerned. Some day when you are down in the department, I will let you know who wrote this but under the conditions that are now existing in the police department, I will just have to remain, your friend

X.Y.Z."

The above letter is dated May 10, 1930.

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As indicated above, Dolores Delaney, in a recent statement, advised that Karpis at the time he resided in Cleveland was in the possession of credentials of a private detective, and that he "flashed" these credentials at a vacuum cleaner salesman, whom he thought was prying into his business. In an effort to trace this down, Agent enlisted the cooperation of Mrs. O. W. Blackman, 3969 West 140th Street, who borrowed the vacuum cleaner from the people now occupying the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, it appearing that this latter place was rented furnished after being abandoned by Karpis and Dolores Delaney. The sweeper was noted to be a Kenmore DeLuxe model, serial #13923321. This type of sweeper is sold exclusively through the Sears Roebuck Company.

Investigation conducted at the Sears Roebuck Company, 110th and Lorain Avenue, through Mr. A. Lachstadter, failed to locate the sweeper as having been sold through that store. However, it was ascertained that the records were maintained in a rather haphazard manner and, therefore, the names of all vacuum cleaner salesman employed from May until September, 1934 were secured for the purpose of locating the salesman who sold the particular machine. After considerable inquiry and interview with numerous salesman, Mr. Ralph W. Pierce, Leroy, Ohio, was contacted and advised that he recalled the circumstances of the sale of the vacuum sweeper in question, stating that on an occasion that he was demonstrating sweepers at the Sears Roebuck Store at 110th and Lorain Avenue, a woman, whom he identified by the photograph as being Dolores Delaney, came into the store and purchased a sweeper, paying for same with four \$10 bills all on some bank in California; that he carried the sweeper down to the street and loaded it into a new Pontiac coupe, which was being driven by a man, whom Mr. Pierce now identified as Alvin Karpis; that at the time of this sale Dolores Delaney gave an address on Flamingo Road, near Rocky River Drive. (It is to be recalled that Karpis and Dolores Delaney resided for a while at 18109 Flamingo Road, which is put a few doors off Rocky River Road.)

Mr. Pierce further stated that he was rather suspicious of the transaction because of the four \$10 bills, and replaced one of the bills with a bill of his own when making payment to the store; that a few days later he called at the address occupied by the people who purchased the cleaner, for the purpose of inspecting the sweeper to see that it was in working order, and also to provide them with another bill of sale, inasmuch as he had written the wrong serial number on the bill of sale first given; that Dolores Delaney was at the house and he made several adjustments on the machine, but she would not permit him to try it out inasmuch as someone was sleeping; that at that time he recognized the house as being one in which the Mitchell Realty Company was interested and he, himself, having a business on at that time with the said realty company, mentioned to Neil Mitchell the fact that the people had purchased a vacuum cleaner and that he was suspicious of them, and at that time exhibited to Mr. Mitchell one of the \$10 bills on the California bank, whereupon Mr. Mitchell told him that the people were alright and that they had been purchasing a lot of new things; that a few days later he called at the address on Flamingo Road for the purpose of again inspecting the machine, and was met at the door by a person he now identifies as Karpis, who would not permit him to enter the house, stating that the machine was alright; that a short time thereafter he, Mr. Pierce, was demonstrating vacuum cleaners at the Sears Roebuck Store and Karpis came in and "balled him out" and asked him if he thought he was an amateur detective and made it plain that he was displeased because Mr. Pierce had made inquiries concerning him; that at that time Karpis reached in his pocket and pulled out a card and shoved it under Mr. Pierce's nose and stated, "For your information I am a detective too." Mr. Pierce stated that Karpis at that time did not state with what agency he was connected, and Mr. Pierce obtained but a momentary glance at the card, and does not recall if there was a photograph on it; that for some reason or another he is of the opinion that this was a card of the McGrath Detective Agency, although he is not in a position to state this positively. He was unable to describe with any degree of particularity the card, and stated that he doubted whether or not he would recognize a similar card if he saw one.

On February 9, 1936 Frank J. Noonan was invited to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was interrogated by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley in the presence of reporting Agent. Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley has reported separately the results of the interview with Noonan.

As a result of the circularization of the postmasters in the state of Ohio, concerning Mary<sup>o</sup> Forth, George<sup>o</sup> Benton, and G. R. Benton, the postmaster at Holloway, Ohio, has advised that there is a George R. Benton residing on Route #2, Flushing, Ohio. The superintendent of mail at Dayton, Ohio, has advised that persons of the above names reside at Dayton, Ohio at 333 Pleasant Street. It is to be recalled that the above mentioned names were used on correspondence at Cleveland to

、 Mrs. Maggie Lett of Wann, Oklahoma, and that the information now indicates that this correspondence was between Milton Lett, the son, and his mother, Mrs. Maggie Lett.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. B. Dill:

On January 25, 1936, in compliance with Bureau instructions Agent interviewed Kay Glazier, 1021 Cherry Avenue, NE, Canton, Ohio, who stated that she and her sister, Eileen Glazier, met a man whose name was Ivan Wheeler, but whose name they thought to be Alvin Wheeler, until they saw Alvin Karpis' picture in the Canton Repository and questioned the man who had introduced them to Wheeler (Clint Berger). They stated, however, that no one knows that they suspect Ivan Wheeler as being Alvin Karpis.

Eileen Glazier was interviewed first. She said she was the one who had a date with Wheeler; that about nine PM, December 21, 1935, she was skating at the Land-O-Dance skating rink when Clint Berger, who is one of the floor managers, asked her to have a date with a friend of his by the name of Alvin Wheeler. Eileen then met Wheeler at the Land-O-Dance, 12th Street and Market Avenue, NE, shortly after nine o'clock and was with him until about two AM. Eileen stated that Kay, who had a date with Clint Berger, met Wheeler about eleven PM and they were all together from eleven PM until two AM. She stated that Wheeler did not talk about where he was from, where he worked, or anything else about himself; that he did state, however, that he was a member of the Christian church. She stated that he, Wheeler, did not skate; that he left his coat on all night; that he sat around the rink until eleven PM; then she and Wheeler with her sister, Kay, and Clint Berger went to Keefer's night club and stayed until 12:45. They then rode home in Clint Berger's coupe and stood in front of the house and talked until two AM. She stated at the time she did not notice anything unusual at all.

Eileen Glazier described Wheeler to the writer as follows:

Name	(Alvin) Ivan Wheeler
Age	27 years ( he told her his age)
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Eyes	Color unknown
Hair	Brown
Scars	None noticed
Occupation	Road construction work for company at Syracuse, N. Y.
Residence	Ashtabula, Ohio
Marital Status	Unknown
Faith	Member of Christian Church
Nationality	American

When Kay Glazier returned from work she was interviewed and she gave the same facts as were given by her sister and related above. She stated that she wrote to the Bureau to ascertain Karpis' description, after she had seen his picture in the Canton Repository on January 1, 1936. She said when she saw Karpis' picture she felt sure that Wheeler was Karpis; that she cut the picture out of the paper and several days later when Eileen returned to Canton from Akron, she showed her the picture and asked her who it was; that Eileen answered, "Alvin Wheeler", without hesitation.

She stated that the night she met Wheeler she was told by Clint Berger that his name was "Alvin" Wheeler and that both she and her sister had called him Alvin that night. When she saw the picture she had Eileen ask Clint Berger about Wheeler's present whereabouts. When Eileen asked where Alvin was, Berger told her his name was not Alvin, but Ivan. Berger told her that Wheeler was in Syracuse, N. Y.; that he worked for a construction company there. Berger also told her that Wheeler had had \$2,000 or \$3,000 cash with him the night he was in town; that half of it belonged to Wheeler and the other half to the company for which Wheeler works.

Eileen was present during Agent's interview with Kay, and she verified all of the statements made by Kay.

Kay gave a description of Wheeler and it was practically the same as the description set out hereinbefore, which was given by Eileen.

Both the girls stated that they had not seen Wheeler since January 1, 1936; that Berger told them that Wheeler always comes to visit him when he gets near Canton.

Karpis' picture was placed with about twenty-five other pictures and both of the girls picked it from the group. This, however, might be explained by the fact that they had seen the same picture in the Canton Repository. This picture of Karpis (clipped from the paper) is being retained in the Cleveland office file.

Kay stated that Clint Berger told her that he formerly peddled dope, but that he stopped because of his mother. She and Eileen stated that they knew very little about Berger; that they met him about the latter part of September, 1935 at the skating rink and had never been out with him except on the night they met Wheeler. They said they think he lives in Canton now, but they don't know how long he has lived here, or where he comes from.



When asked if they could positively identify the picture of Karpis as being that of Wheeler, both Eileen and Kay stated they were "pretty sure" it was Wheeler, but they would not say positively. They stated that the picture in the paper looked more like Wheeler than the picture shown to them by Agent, because of the mouth. It will be noted that these pictures were the same, but the clipping is shaded differently.

The Glazier girls seemed to have been telling the story straight with the purpose of aiding, if possible, in apprehending this man, if he is Karpis.

Eileen was asked to get Wheeler's address from Berger. After talking to Berger, Eileen said that he told her he would try to get his address for her; that he thought he had it at home. Berger told her, however, that Wheeler's headquarters are in Ashtabula, Ohio, and the company for which he works is in Syracuse, New York. Berger stated that he would contact Wheeler and have him come back to Canton if she wanted to see him. She stated that as soon as she learns Wheeler's address she would notify the Cleveland office.

The address of the Cleveland office was left with her.

Agent contacted Mr. L. R. Lamiell, assistant postmaster at Canton, Ohio, for the purpose of securing information regarding the character and reputation of Clinton Berger. It had been previously ascertained by the writer from the Canton City Directory that Clinton Berger lives at 1433 Second Avenue NE, and that Homer J. Berger (Celia M., wife)-also lives at this address; that Homer's occupation is "auto repairing at rear of house."

Mr. Lamiell stated that J. E. Donze, carrier No. 46, carries mail to that address. Lamiell called Donze into his office and Donze stated to Agent that he had been carrying mail to the Bergers, 1433 Second Avenue, NE, for about five or six years; that he has carried mail to Mrs. Homer Berger, Mr. Homer Berger, and Clinton Berger. He stated, however, that he had very few pieces of mail for them; that most of it was advertisements and that he cannot remember any particular place that the mail was postmarked. He further stated that since he has been carrying mail to the Bergers that he had never seen either of the men and that he had only seen Mrs. Berger once or twice. He stated that on the occasions that he saw Mrs. Berger she did not speak to him as do most of the women on his route; that for this reason, in addition to the fact that they get very little mail, he did not know much about them.

Concluding, Donze stated that the neighborhood in which the Bergers live is made up of a very poor, but quiet class of people. He stated that he did not know anybody in that neighborhood whom the writer might contact without fear of the purpose of his investigation being told to the Bergers.



At Agent's request, Mr. Lamiell called C. D. Meek, carrier No. 15, to his office. Meek stated to the writer that he had been carrying mail to "Land-O-Dance" (skating rink where Berger works) for over a year; that about four or five months ago the Land-O-Dance changed hands and that Lee Maytimer and Russ Golden are apparently the new managers; that both of them receive mail at the Land-O-Dance and he thinks the letters are postmarked Akron, Ohio; that they also get COD packages quite often; that he thinks these packages contain skates. He stated that Mr. Maytimer usually pays for the COD packages; that he has never seen Mr. Russ Golden and that most of the time there is nobody there, but the janitor whose name is Regberg.

Meek stated that he did not know Clinton Berger, nor had he ever carried mail to the Land-O-Dance addressed to Berger.

Mr. Lamiell stated that he did not know Clinton Berger, nor was he acquainted with the neighborhood in which Berger lives.

The writer called at the Canton, Ohio Police Department, and interviewed Mr. E. E. Clark, Sergeant of Detectives. Sergeant Clark stated that a search of the Canton Police Department records does not disclose that Clinton Berger has ever been arrested by that department. Sergeant Clark asked Detectives E. C. Ronk and Steve Skotnicky if they knew Clinton Berger, but they answered in the negative. Sergeant Clark stated that the people in that neighborhood were largely composed of foreigners and that he knew of no one whom the writer might contact with regard to this investigation, who would keep the matter confidential. Detectives Ronk and Skotnicky stated that they knew of no one in that neighborhood whom Agent might contact confidentially.

The purpose of this investigation was not disclosed to any of the persons interviewed by the writer.

#### AT ASHTABULA, OHIO

Mr. Mark E. Miller, postmaster, and H. L. Watrous, assistant postmaster, upon being interviewed by Agent, stated that they did not know anyone in Ashtabula by the name of Ivan Wheeler. Mr. Watrous searched his records of "Orders to Change Address" and located a card filled out by Ivan H. Wheeler, dated October 10, 1934. On this card was the following information:

--- Name of person or firm	-	IVAN H. WHEELER
New address, street and #	-	General Delivery, Canton, Ohio for 20 days
--- Last old local street address	-	General Delivery, Ashtabula, Ohio
Other old local addresses	-	North Ridge, RFD #3, Ashtabula, O.

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Mr. Watrous called the Koski Construction Company, Ashtabula, Ohio, and asked the clerk at that company if they ever had a man work for them by the name of Ivan Wheeler, to which question Mr. Watrous stated the clerk answered in the negative. Mr. Watrous further stated that there are no other construction companies in Ashtabula.

At Agent's request Mr. Watrous checked with the other employees at the post office to determine if any of them knew a person by the name of Ivan Wheeler. Mr. E. D. Hyde stated to Agent that he has known Ivan Wheeler all of Ivan's life; that Ivan went to school with his daughter, and that Ivan is now about twenty-five or twenty-six years old; that he is of a good family and that they have been in and around Ashtabula for the past three or four generations. Mr. Hyde further stated that his daughter Winifred might have a picture of Ivan Wheeler. Mr. Hyde called his wife and told her to have Winifred see if she could find a picture of Ivan Wheeler in order to show it to Agent. Mr. Hyde described Wheeler as follows:

Age	-	25-26 years
Height	-	Almost 6'
Weight	-	160 pounds
Eyes	-	Probably blue
Hair	-	Color unknown

Mr. Miller, postmaster, after hearing the conversation between Agent and Mr. Hyde stated that he then recalled the Wheeler family, and that although he did not know Ivan Wheeler personally he knew Mrs. Wheeler and had known the Wheeler family for many years. He stated that Wheeler's mother now lives on North Ridge about two miles north of Ashtabula, Ohio, on RFD #3.

Mrs. E. D. Hyde, 5111 Perry Avenue, stated that her daughter Winifred had searched the house for a picture of Ivan Wheeler, but was unable to find one. Mrs. Hyde stated, however, that Wheeler had worked for the M. C. Robinson Coal Company last summer and that he might be working there at the present time.

Agent called at the M. C. Robinson Coal Company and ascertained from Miss Senter, clerk, that Ivan Wheeler had worked for that company last summer, but that he quit during the latter part of August, 1935 and that she has not seen nor heard of him since.

Captain A. C. Snow of the Ashtabula Police Department, at Agent's request, searched the Ashtabula Police Department records and stated that the search did not disclose that Ivan Wheeler had been arrested by that department. He stated that he did not know Ivan Wheeler.

Agent called at the home of Mrs. H. S. Wheeler, RFD #3, under pretext, stating that he knew a friend of Ivan's in Canton, Ohio, and that this friend had asked Agent to see Ivan when he was in Ashtabula. Mrs. Wheeler stated that her son was not at home at that time, but that he could probably be reached through General Delivery, Warren, Ohio. She further stated that her son might, at the present time, be in Youngstown, Ohio, but that she expected him home this week end (February 1, 1936). Mrs. Wheeler stated that her son is working for Chuck Reynolds as an advertising agent. After Agent stated to Mrs. Wheeler that he had never seen Ivan, she showed Agent a picture of Ivan which resembles to a great extent the picture of subject Alvin Karpis, Tulsa Police Department #8008. A description of Ivan Wheeler, as was ascertained by Agent from Mrs. Wheeler is as follows:

Age	-	27 years
Height	-	5'10"
Weight	-	150 pounds
Build	-	Slender
Eyes	-	Blue

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While Agent was in Ashtabula he went to the Swallows Restaurant and talked to Murray Cook for quite some time. During the conversation between Agent and Cook, the question of travelling was discussed. After some time Cook stated that he had received a call about one and one-half hours ago from his girl friend at Beverly Hills, California (it was then 4:45 PM, Eastern Standard Time, 1/28/36) and that this girl told him she was at that time having breakfast with Mildred Morgan. During this Agent's surveillance of the Swallows Restaurant from December 20, 1935 to January 4, 1936, Cook had mentioned on several occasions about a girl friend of his in California. When the name of Mildred Morgan was mentioned Agent asked him if that was the girl with whom he had gone to Honolulu. Cook answered in the negative and stated that the girl with whom he had gone to Honolulu was Jean Robertson, but that Mildred Morgan had gone with them. He stated that Mildred Morgan was the girl whom he had mentioned to Agent on previous occasions, who

is a transcontinental airplane racer. The trend of the conversation seemed to indicate that Jean Robertson was at the time of the call visiting with Mildred Morgan.

Murray Cook further stated that he had been in California twice since 1929. When he was there in 1929 he stayed at the Biltmore in Los Angeles, and on his second visit he stayed at the Oxford Arms Apartments, which apartment was secured for him by Mildred Morgan, who got a tourist rate of \$1.00 per day for him. He stated that he intended to go to California prior to the call from Jean, but that he had now changed his plans. He stated that his purpose for going there was to remain a month or two in order to "look around" to see if he could find some means by which he could make a livelihood (apparently either practicing law or opening a cocktail lounge.) He stated that Jean told him that the easterners were having a difficult time in and around Los Angeles in view of the fact that the westerners would not patronize them; that they were endeavoring to give all the business possible to the westerners. Cook stated that he could make the trip for approximately \$300.00, and that he did intend to go to Los Angeles next spring, but at the present time his plans are not to go before that time. He stated that another reason for not taking the trip at the present time is because he owes a great many people in Ashtabula and that he feels it is his duty to remain there and use his money to pay his debts.

Cook stated that he receives a call from Jean about every two or three weeks. He further stated that he was worried about the calls in view of the fact that they cost her so much money, and he had told her several times that he had to go, but she stated to him that he was not to worry about the cost in view of the fact that she was quite prosperous at the present time. Cook stated that he also talked to Mildred Morgan during this last conversation with Jean, and that was the first time he had heard her voice for over three years.

It was not ascertained just what Murray Cook thought Jean's business was in California. However, during Agent's surveillance at Ashtabula, Cook mentioned on one or two occasions that the girl "with whom he was going" was now teaching school in California.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney:

Reference is made to report submitted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 17, 1936, particularly to the telephone call received by William F. Fergus from one Durbin, instructing Fergus to call a telephone number, which was found to be listed at the address of William Durbin, 2063 East 82nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Investigation reflects that this address is a rooming house operated by Mrs. Susan K. Goodman, whose husband's name is John Goodman and whose occupation is listed as "driver." It was also ascertained that Goodman is a driver for the Yellow Cab Company.

Through Sigmund Wegline, Superintendent of Station "B", United States Post Office, which station serves the address 2063 East 82nd Street, it was learned that additional roomers at the above mentioned address are John Brenich, and Miss A. Teanline.

Inquiry was conducted in the vicinity of 2063 East 82nd Street with the idea in mind to secure a room from which the premises 2063 might easily be observed. Agent failed, however, to find any vacant rooms in the immediate vicinity of 2063, which could be rented.

Further investigation was conducted at the Better Business Bureau, Federal Reserve Bank Building, in an effort to obtain information regarding William Durbin and his activities. Mr. Jancke examined the records of the Better Business Bureau and stated that William Durbin was associated with the firm of Durbin & Lattin, formerly located at 209 Cleveland Trust Building, Euclid and East 79th Street, but at the present time this firm is maintaining offices at 1006 Scofield Building on East Ninth Street. Durbin & Lattin is listed as an industrial and real estate financing, as well as business investments company. It was learned that there is a William Durbin listed as having office space at 538 Guardian Building, Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, and further investigation developed that this particular office space is rented by E. M. Kortya Company, industrial and real estate financing, and business investments. Edward W. Stease, attorney at law, also shares this office. Mr. Jancke further stated that the only notations appearing in their records indicate that on August 19, 1935 William Durbin offered one Elmer Karrer, 3283 East 103rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a quarter interest in his business. Durbin, at the time, refused to enter any contract with Karrer unless cash was put up in advance. Karrer was unable to get the money and the deal was never completed. Since that time there has been litigation in connection with the transaction, in that Durbin claimed that Karrer had signed a contract and Durbin attempted to obtain specific performance. Karrer claimed that he had never signed a contract and if his signature appeared it was a forgery.



The records of the Better Business Bureau also reflect that on April 12, 1935, Durbin & Lattin were criticised by the Better Business Bureau as a result of an advertisement which was placed in the Plain Dealer on April 7, 1935, which claimed that the firm of Durbin & Lattin had been established since 1915, when in truth the firm had only been in operation a matter of months prior to the insertion of the advertisement.

Investigation was conducted at the office of the clerk of Federal Court regarding the application for passports of William F. Fergus, Joseph J. Vraniak, Nicolao Nestor, and Ioan J. Banatenau, all of whom left the United States in the summer of 1934 for Roumania with the idea of establishing a slot machine racket. C. H. Trivison, deputy clerk, stated that his records fail to show that William F. Fergus made an application for a new passport, or had made application for an extension of the passport issued to him on July 3, 1934. In further checking his records, Mr. Trivison found that Nicolao Nestor had made application for a passport on June 25, 1934. No record, however, of application for passports was found for Joseph J. Vraniak, or Ioan J. Banatenau.

Agent then contacted Mr. George Anagnostache, Roumanian Consul, 1501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Anagnostache stated that Ioan J. Banatenau is a Roumanian subject, and that several years ago he had been associated with a Roumanian newspaper at Cleveland. At the present time he stated that Banatenau is on the editorial staff of the New Life, a Roumanian paper published at 5330 Russell Street, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Anagnostache stated that Joseph J. Vraniak is not a Roumanian subject and he added that from the name he was positive that Vraniak was either a Czech or a Slovak. He also informed Agent that it had been his information that at the time Fergus, Hebebrand and Mitchell sailed for Roumania, they had taken with them a machinist from the factory which manufactures the slot machines, and that this machinist had come from Chicago. He stated that it was his belief that Joseph J. Vraniak was the machinist who had been taken to Roumania to service the slot machines. Mr. Anagnostache also advised Agent that when the above named parties were unable to locate in Roumania, due to the laws of that country, they then moved what slot machines they had transported from this country to Poland, where, he believed, they intended in the near future to establish the slot machines in operation.

Investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 4419 West 171st Street, which address was previously occupied by subjects in this case during the month of October, 1934. Photographs of Art Hebebrand and James Patton were exhibited to Mrs. Pohlman, 4411 West 171st Street, Mrs. William Klinger, 4415 West 171st Street, and Mrs. Olive Rowe, 4418 West 171st Street. All of the above mentioned women have been interviewed and have identified photographs of Campbell, Karpis and Harry Sawyer. They were unable, however, to identify photographs of either Hebebrand or Patton as persons who were observed to have visited 4419 West 171st Street.



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ago.

Thanks you  
Robert Kiltie

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February 15, 1936

Mr. Robert Altir,  
42 Plummer Street,  
Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

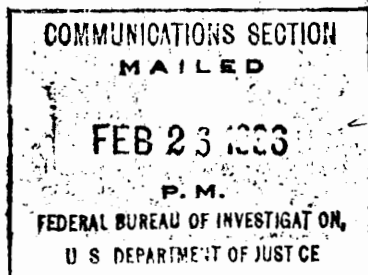
I have your letter of February 16, 1936 wherein you desire to be furnished with information concerning Alvin Karpis.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your communication to Mr. R. L. Shivers, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 620 New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who will have an Agent call upon you with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

cc-Pittsburgh (copies of Mr. Altir's letter 2-16-36 attached)  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago



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PHONE. BREKID RETEL, PITTSFIELD POLICE ADVISE LEO GRAHAM REPUTABLE STOCK BROKER OF NEW YORK AND PITTSFIELD, MASS., HAS KNOWN DASO AND WIFE FIFTEEN YEARS. GRAHAM STATES DASO IS APPARENTLY RETIRED FROM A BUSINESS UNKNOWN TO HIM AND IS PRESENTLY A LARGE OPERATOR IN THE STOCK MARKET. HE IS WELL SUPPLIED WITH MONEY AND ALWAYS PAYS CASH. ENJOYS EXCELLENT CREDIT RATING AT PITTSFIELD AND LENOX, MASS., WHERE HE AND WIFE SPENT FOUR MONTHS OF LAST SUMMER IN HOTELS PRIOR TO PURCHASE OF INSTANT AUTOMOBILE. DASO ADDRESS AT PITTSFIELD THIRD NATIONAL BANK IS LISTED AS WESTCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB, RYE, NEW YORK. GRAHAM BELIEVES THEM TO HAVE PERMANENT RESIDENCE SOMEWHERE IN NEW MEXICO, DOES NOT KNOW ANY OTHER NEW YORK ADDRESS AND REGARDS DASO HIGHLY.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/15/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/7-14/36.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN E BRENNAN.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, IO 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, IO 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, Fugitive, IO 1236, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES- NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Information concerning contacts and alleged contacts of the KARPIS-BARKER gang in the Twin Cities set forth. Leads obtained through cover of means of communication of JACK DAVENPORT, Minneapolis, Minnesota, forwarded to offices having jurisdiction. Relatives of BELLE BORN, Hurley, Wisconsin, communicating with her through Mrs. Davenport.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, January 29, 1936; report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, February 8, 1936; report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, February 10, 1936.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>In connection with reference communication from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley relating to JOHN B. and BLANCHE DAVENPORT, Minneapolis contacts of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD as indicated in report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated January 13, 1936, arrangements were made to obtain various sources of communication of the Davenports. Since that time the addresses which have been obtained through mail covers have been forwarded to various offices in whose jurisdiction these addresses may be, for inquiry as to the identity of the senders and such other investigation as the facts may warrant. The Postmaster has been requested to furnish tracings of all mail addressed to any person at 501 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, which is the third</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>E. W. Stern</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</div>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <div style="text-align: center;"><b>7-576-9539</b> <b>FEB 17 A.M.</b> <b>FEB 18 1936</b> <b>MAR 2 1936</b></div>	
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In view of the fact that the telephone tap which had been maintained previously on the Harvard Club indicated that Art Hebebrand might be reached at the Lake Shore Hotel under the name of McKay, investigation was conducted at the Lake Shore Hotel. Mr. Preston Markward was contacted and a photograph of Hebebrand was exhibited to him. He immediately identified the photograph as being one known to him as George Conway and McKay. He also stated that he knew Conway by the name of Hebebrand. When questioned regarding any suites maintained at the Lake Shore Hotel by Hebebrand, Mr. Markward stated that under prior management of Mr. Joyce, Hebebrand had maintained room 904 for a period of about fourteen months. He stated, however, that about November 1, 1935, Mrs. Hebebrand had become apprised of the fact that Art had been keeping a woman at the Lake Shore Hotel, and had raised quite some commotion. He stated that on November 4, 1935, Hebebrand gave up room 904 and that the girl with whom he was living had taken room 404 in the name of Ruth Eager. Mr. Markward stated that the hotel is trying to get rid of Miss Eager, and in an attempt to do so has raised her rent from \$55.00 a month to \$80.00 a month. However, Miss Eager is still occupying room 404 and Art Hebebrand is known to have spent several nights with her.

Mr. Markward referred Agent to Mr. Nolan, auditor, for the purpose of obtaining information regarding telephone calls placed by the occupants of rooms 904 and 404. Mr. Nolan stated that the records of the hotel were only maintained for a period of a year and that he was only able to furnish information regarding telephone calls for this period. He furnished Agent with the following calls made from room 904 starting January 27, 1935:

Date	Charge, inc. hotel fee & tax	City	Phone #	Name
Jan. 27, 1935	.90	Marion, O.	8386	
29	2.15	"	3336	
Mar. 28	2.15	"	3336	Spangler talked
Apr. 7	.95	"		Collect
12	1.55	"	3336	
15	1.35	"	3336	
May 2 (Apr. 15)	1.55	"		By Miss Spangler
3	1.95	"	3336	
29	7.05	New York City	Riverside 9412	Mrs. Morrison
June 1	10.20	"	"	Mrs. Morrison
21	4.05	from "	" collect	Miss Morris calling
July 1	7.05	"	Riverside 9-9412	Miss Moore
9	6.30	"	" 9-9412	
	2.05	Matton, O.	5284	Spangler
23	7.05	New York City	Riverside 9-9412	Miss Morris



<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge inc. hotel fee &amp; tax</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Name</u>
July 30, 1935	7.25			
31	10.50	New York City, Riverside	9-9412	
Aug. 1	1.20	Wickliff, Ohio	190	
6	.90	Marion, O.		
12	.45	New York City, Riverside	9-9412	(Report)
13	17.30	" " "		
14	9.60			
	1.10	Marion, Ohio	8540	
22	4.70	" "	360	
23	3.20	" "	5284	
Sept. 14	6.30	" "	5284	
15	2.40	" "	5284	
20	.40	Akron, Ohio	Hemlock 2707	
28	1.40	Marion, Ohio	5284	
	.15	Westlake, Ohio	176J	
Oct. 10	.60	Akron, Ohio	Hemlock 2702	
19	.75	Marion, Ohio	5284	
24	1.05	Chicago, Ill.	J 0654	
27	.40	" "		
29	.40	" "		(Report)
30	1.10	Marion, Ohio	5098	

Room 404 - calls made from November 12, 1935  
to January 4, 1936.

Nov. 12, 1935	.40	Marion, Ohio		(Report)
13	.30	" "		(Report)
14	.95	" "	5284	
26	.85	" "	5284	
Dec. 19	.95	" "		
	.40	Chicago, Ill.		(Report)
30	.75	Akron, Ohio	Henderson 2702	
Jan. 4, 1936	1.15	Marion, Ohio	5284	

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It is noted from the above list of telephone numbers that there are several instances where the number and exchange called are not clearly set out. Particular attention is directed to the telephone call placed on October 24, 1935 to Chicago, Illinois showing that Chicago, J 0654 was called, and again on October 27th and 29th, 1935, Chicago was called but there was no indication what exchange or number was called. In such instances it will be necessary to contact the telephone company and secure complete information regarding telephone calls made on various dates from Boulevard 4240, which is the telephone number of the Lake Shore Hotel.

In a further interview with Mr. Markward he stated that he believed Miss Eager's correct name is Spangler, and that she had two children by a previous marriage. This information would appear to identify Ruth Eager as being Ruth Spangler, who was previously employed at the Harvard Club in connection with the operation of the Keno game.

Information was also received through Mr. Markward that Ruth Eager is at the present time driving a Packard sedan, 120 model, bearing 1935 Ohio registration JU 663.

Special Agent C. E. Smith contacted the license bureau at Cleveland, Ohio, and ascertained that registration JU 663 was formerly issued to Ben Levine, 1618 Harvard Street for a 1931 Packard coupe, and the address given by Ben Levine at the time of filing this registration is a vacant lot opposite the Harvard Club. It also appears that Packard sedan now being driven by Ruth Eager does not bear proper registration.

Ben Levine, alias Bennie the Lug, was a former gambler employed at the Harvard Club. Further details concerning Levine and his association with Ruth Eager, or Ruth Spangler, will be treated separately under report of investigation conducted by Special Agent C. E. Smith.

Mr. Markward of the Lake Shore Hotel was subsequently interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and W. B. O'Mahoney on January 29, 1936. At this time the above named Agents, through the cooperation of Mr. Markward, were able to search and examine the room occupied by Ruth Eager. The search indicated that Ruth Eager has no hand baggage and has just four or five cheap dresses hanging in the closet. No papers or documents of any nature were discovered in the examination of the writing desk, and the dresser.

Mr. Markward stated that the hotel would be most willing to cooperate to any extent, and he again reiterated the statement that the hotel is trying to get rid of Miss Eager as a guest. He stated that there are very few telephone calls placed by Miss Eager, and they perhaps total four or five a month. He also advised that a close check would be made on these telephone calls and that the conversation would be noted. He further stated that he would attempt to trace any incoming calls made to the room of Miss Eager, room 404, and information obtained by such tracings will be furnished to the Cleveland office. He advised that he would attempt to establish the identity of any persons, other than Art Hebebrand, who are observed to visit Ruth Eager at the hotel.

Mr. Markward suggested that Agents contact the night clerk, whose name is Gestner. Mr. Gestner is on duty from twelve o'clock at night until eight o'clock in the morning. Mr. Markward stated

that on several occasions when he has returned to the hotel at a late hour, he has observed Gestner in conversation with Ruth Eager at the desk.

Investigation was conducted at Shaker Heights, Ohio, with the idea of establishing the identity of one Marjorie Forth. It was established that Marjorie Forth and her father, E. J. Forth, reside with Mr. and Mrs. Perry C. King, 3662 Rowndale Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Perry C. King is secretary of the Cleveland Storage Company, and E. J. Forth is a brother of Mrs. Perry C. King. It was learned that Marjorie Forth is a child six years of age, and could possibly have no connection with instant investigation.

Inquiry was made at the Hotel Hollenden where Mr. R. F. Marsh, manager, was interviewed. Mr. Marsh was requested to ascertain whether or not James "Shimmy" Patton, or Art Hebebrand were presently maintaining rooms at the hotel, or whether they had maintained a suite or rooms recently at that hotel. Mr. Marsh, after making inquiry, advised Agent that as near as he could determine, neither Patton nor Hebebrand had stayed at the hotel for any period whatever for several months. He stated, however, that both Hebebrand and Patton are known to the clerks at the hotel and they had been seen in the lobby on various occasions, but he was definitely sure that they had not rented any suite or rooms, either under their true names or aliases. He further stated that in making his inquiry he had been advised by the clerks that Hebebrand was believed to be living at the Lake Shore Hotel and Mr. Marsh suggested that Agent make further inquiry at that place. Mr. Marsh was also unable to find any indication that Ruth Spangler, or Ruth Eager, was presently registered, or had recently been registered at the hotel. The only notation of a Spangler being registered at the Hollenden during the past year was one Helen Spangler, 914 East 7th Street, Toledo, Ohio. The records of the hotel indicate that Helen Spangler was given a complimentary room and, according to Mr. Marsh, it is indicated that she might possibly have been connected with the Hotel Secor at Toledo, which is also operated by the DeWitt interests.

Long distance telephone calls emanating from unlisted telephones at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, for a period of three months prior to January 1, 1936, were secured, as well as long distance telephone calls from the homes of Art Hebebrand, James "Shimmy" Patton, and James "Tip" O'Neill. They are as follows:

The following long distance telephone calls were made over LAkewood 6554M, which telephone is listed to Marie Flynn, 11835 Lake Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, who is the paramour of James "Tip" O'Neill, who also lives at the same address:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place Called</u>	<u>Number</u>
11/21/35	Toledo, Ohio	Forest 5109

Investigation at Toledo, Ohio, revealed that Forest 5109 is listed to P. J. Tansey, 1609 Potomac Drive. Mr. Tansey who has a son, is a paving contractor and a member of the firm of Harris & Tansey Street Contractors Company. Inquiry at the office of the county prosecutor, indicated that Mr. Tansey bears a good reputation in business. Additional investigation relative to Mr. Tansey's associates and connections will be conducted.

The following long distance telephone calls were made from telephone CLearwater 4777, which phone is listed to James Patton, 3332 West Boulevard:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place Called</u>	<u>Number</u>
7/25/35	New York City, N. Y.	Mur. 2-9800 collect from Mrs. James Falton at NYC
8/4/35	Milton Lake, Ohio	W 39 - Mrs. Stanton to Luther Kone(phonetic)
9/8/35	Berea, Ohio	86

The following long distance telephone calls were made from CLearwater 0171, which phone is listed to Arthur W. Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place Called</u>	<u>Number</u>
10/9/35	West Lake, Ohio	176 J
11/24/35	Berea, Ohio	562 J
12/8/35	" "	562 J
12/14/35	" "	562 J

The following long distance telephone calls were made from  
 telephone Michigan 8250, which phone is listed to the Harvard Club,  
 3113 Harvard Avenue:

Date	Place Called	Number
9/30/35	Chicago, Illinois	L. D. 92
10/3/35	" "	L. D. 92
11/20/35	" "	L. D. 92
12/23/35	" "	Saginaw 0698
10/1/35	New York City, N. Y.	Pennsylvania 6-0558
10/1/35	Detroit, Michigan	Cadillac 5974
10/2/35	" "	Cadillac 5974
10/7/35	" "	Cadillac 5974
10/15/35	" "	Cadillac 5974
10/19/35	" "	Cadillac 5974
11/2/35	" "	Cadillac 5974
11/4/35	" "	Cadillac 5974
11/5/35	" "	Cadillac 3563 (Keagen called Geo. Kolowitch of Detroit Housing Corp.)
11/9/35	" "	(Same as above)
11/23/35	" "	Cadillac 5974
10/1/35	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Lehigh 5522
10/10/35	Columbus, Ohio	Main 5221 (Neil House)
10/10/35	" "	AD 0100 (Miss France called collect from this #.
10/11/35	" "	Main 5221 (Neil House)
10/11/35	" "	Main 5221 (Neil House)
10/11/35	" "	Main 5221 (Neil House)
10/12/35	" "	Main 5221 (Neil House)
11/4/35	" "	Main 3281 (N.C.Parr, Ass't. Director, Liquor Control Division.)
10/10/35	Newark, New Jersey	Belleville 2-2276
10/16/35	Toronto, Canada	Waverly 7474 (King Edward Hotel)
10/19/35	St. Louis, Missouri	PR 8818
10/30/35	" "	PR 8818
10/30/35	" "	PR 8818
11/21/35	" "	PR 8818
11/23/35	" "	PR 8818
11/28/35	" "	PR 8818
12/2/35	" "	PR 8818
12/7/35	New Orleans, Louisiana	FRanklin 3716
10/24/35	Akron, Ohio	FRanklin 1224
10/25/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
10/28/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
11/2/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
11/7/35	" "	FRanklin 1224



Date	Place Called	Number
12/14/35	Toledo, Ohio	Adams 4612
12/14/35	" "	Adams 4612
11/17/35	West Lake, Ohio	175 W (Cleveland Exchange)
11/17/35	" " "	175 W (Cleveland Exchange)
12/2/35	" " "	175 W (Cleveland Exchange)
12/6/35	Girard, Ohio	536 (Youngstown Exchange)
12/15/35	" "	536 (Youngstown Exchange)

The following long distance telephone calls were made from the telephone Michigan 6735 and also telephone Michigan 6736, which are unlisted phones at the Harvard Club, 3113 Harvard Avenue, and are billed to L. C. Morgan, 3113 Harvard Avenue. Michigan 6736 was changed to Michigan 4022 on April 10, 1935, and then service was discontinued on January 3, 1936:

Date	Place Called	Number
9/23/35	Washington, D. C.	AD 8894 (Miss Nesbitt called collect)
10/1/35	" "	(Same as above)
10/10/35	" "	AD 8894 (Miss Nesbitt called Hebebrand)
10/19/35	" "	(Same as above)
10/26/35	" "	(Same as above)
11/6/35	" "	(Same as above)
11/10/35	" "	AD 8894 (Miss Nesbitt called Tony collect)
11/11/35	" "	NA 4400 (Miss Nesbitt called collect to "Art" from emergency hospital)
11/13/35	" "	AD 8894 (Miss Nesbitt called "Tony" collect)
11/17/35	" "	AD 8894 (Miss Nesbitt called "Art" collect)
11/20/35	" "	NA 4400 (Miss Nesbitt called collect to "Art" gave tel. No. AD 8894)
11/21/35	" "	AD 8894 (Miss Nesbitt called collect to "Art" wanted call announced from emergency hospital)
12/2/35	" "	L. D. 91 (Miss Nesbitt called collect to "Art" from Annapoli Hotel)
12/21/35	" "	L. D. 92 (Miss Nesbitt called collect to "Art" from Annapoli Hotel or 0837)
12/22/35	" "	(Same as above)
12/23/35	" "	NA 9220 (Mabel Nesbitt called collect)

Date	Place Called	Number
9/24/35	New York City	Int 9-7147 (Ralph Noell called the N. Y. number)
9/24/35	" " "	Aud 3-9892 (Same as above)
9/30/35	" " "	Medallion 3-100 (New Yorker Hotel)
10/1/35	" " "	(Same as above)
10/2/35	" " "	Trafalgar 7-9400
10/21/35	" " "	Trafalgar 7-9400
10/22/35	" " "	Trafalgar 7-9400
11/6/35	" " "	Columbus 5-2762
9/25/35	Chicago, Illinois	L. D. 92
9/26/35	" " "	L. D. 92
9/27/35	" " "	L. D. 92
9/28/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/1/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/1/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/4/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/6/35	" " "	Buckingham 10194 (White Horse Cafe)
10/6/35	" " "	Lakeview 7010
10/6/35	" " "	Buckingham 10194 (White Horse Cafe)
10/7/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/11/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/14/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/17/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/17/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/18/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/19/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/21/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/22/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/24/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/25/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/28/35	" " "	L. D. 92
10/30/35	" " "	L. D. 92
12/12/35	" " "	Dev. 9805 (Fisher called Be Brown at the Commonwealth Hotel)
9/26/35	St. Louis, Missouri	Brand 7600 (St. Louis U., School of Medicine)
9/26/35	" " "	PR 8818
11/28/35	" " "	PR 8818
9/26/35	Windsor, Ontario	41301 (Wilson, 864 Windsor Avenue)
9/30/35	Collinsville, Illinois	507 (Fairmount Jockey Club, mutual department)
10/2/35	" " "	(Same as above)
10/8/35	" " "	(Same as above)
10/12/35	" " "	(Same as above)
9/29/35	Venice, California	Santa Monica 81858
		(Robins & Robins Amusement)

Date	Place Called	Number
10/1/35	Venice, California	Santa Monica 81858 (Robins & Robins Amusement)
10/1/35	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Lehigh 5522
10/4/35	Detroit, Michigan	Cadillac 6632 (Detroit Racing Ass'n.)
10/6/35	" "	CH 5225
10/16/35	" "	CL 1-3030 (Gordon called collect)
10/17/35	" "	(Same as above) CL 3757
11/1/35	" "	Euclid 8608 J
11/14/35	" "	Cadillac 3563 (Called Geo. J. Kolowitch)
11/21/35	" "	Cadillac 3563
11/27/35	" "	Cadillac 3563
11/29/35	" "	Townsend 7-5057
12/10/35	" "	Cadillac 3563 (Housing Cor 4838 Cadillac Square)
12/16/35	" "	Trinity 28964
12/18/35	" "	Cadillac 3563
12/23/35	" "	Cadillac 3563
12/23/35	" "	Cadillac 3563 (Kolowitch called collect)
10/11/35	Columbus, Ohio	AD 0100 (Miss Morgan called "Jimmy")
11/25/35	" "	Main 3281 (Called F. C. Karr or Miller to talk about a license)
12/5/35	" "	Main 3281 (Liquor Control)
10/15/35	Saulte Ste. Marie	522 (Called for Capt. Geo. Ponsort)
10/16/35	Toronto, Canada	Waverly 7474 (Called for Capt. Geo. Ponsort. He was unable to talk. Toll ticket indicates he is agent of Minister of Aeronautics.)
10/19/35	Baltimore, Md.	Cal 3048 (Miss Nesbitt called Hebebrand collect)
10/9/35	Charleston, W. Va.	29648
11/11/35	" "	29648
11/14/35	Los Angeles, California	DR 8833 Pre. (Collect cal from Miss Smith to "Art" at club, then Lake Shore Hotel #904, Boulevard 424 Stated will register under name of McKay or Hebebrand refund to go to Miss Dorc Smith, 1424 Constance Pl. Los Angeles, California.)

Date	Place Called	Number
12/5/35	New Orleans, Louisiana	Franklin 3716
10/21/35	Duluth, Minnesota	No number (Called Florence Finklestein, 313 7th Ave. Sherwood 1217 (Griffith Smoke Shop) (Same as above)
10/9/35	Barbertown, Ohio	Atlantic 1526 (Ed. Way, Manager, Mecca Cafe)
10/11/35	" "	6735
11/21/35	Ecorse, Michigan	39153
12/24/35	Lorain, Ohio	175 W (Cleveland Exchange)
12/25/35	Elyria, Ohio	471 (Cleveland Exchange)
10/21/35	West Lake, Ohio	355 J2 (Cleveland Exchange)
11/1/35	" "	494 W5
11/18/35	" "	494 W5
9/28/35	Bedford, Ohio	494 W5
10/21/35	" "	494 W5
10/24/35	" "	110
10/25/35	" "	1043
10/18/35	Painesville, Ohio	466 M
9/29/35	Berea, Ohio	68
10/17/35	" "	121
9/29/35	Brecksville, Ohio	99 (Cleveland Exchange)
11/14/35	" "	99 (Cleveland Exchange)
10/12/35	Montrose, Ohio	5 (Cleveland Exchange)
10/15/35	" "	5 (Cleveland Exchange)
10/31/35	" "	536 (Youngstown Exchange)
11/6/35	" "	536 (Youngstown Exchange)
12/2/35	Girard, Ohio	536 (Youngstown Exchange)
12/4/35	" "	BL 6081
12/13/35	" "	Blackstone 0629
9/28/35	Akron, Ohio	MAin 1515
9/28/35	" "	Jefferson 4191 (Merry-Go-Round)
10/8/35	" "	FRanklin 0837
10/11/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
11/3/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
11/3/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
11/6/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
11/7/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
11/20/35	" "	FRanklin 0837 (Asked for Jack Handy)
11/20/35	" "	FRanklin 1224
12/20/35	" "	PO 2030 (Collect to O'Neil from Alexander)
10/28/35	Toledo, Ohio	PO 2030 (Called Alexander)
10/28/35	" "	

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As previously indicated by investigation, Tony Amersbach of Cleveland, Ohio, is a close associate of the operators of the Harvard Club and is evidently a bodyguard of Art Hebebrand. He is presently driving a 1934 model Graham Paige coupe, 1935 Ohio license HY 655, and he resides at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] advised that the beer parlor which Rene Holst was operating at Point Place, Ohio, has been closed and Rene is presently residing with Bert Angus at his residence on Berdan Avenue in Cleveland. [redacted] had been unable to obtain any additional information as yet relative to the name of the girl whom Harry Campbell is alleged to have married recently, however, he expects to see Rene in the near future and will endeavor to obtain this information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and W. B. O'Mahoney on February 3, 1936:

In view of the fact that Dolores Delaney furnished information that a small tavern in the vicinity of the western end of the High Level Bridge in Cleveland, Ohio, had been frequented by Alvin Karpis and William Harrison during the summer of 1934, the above named Agents made a discreet surveillance of a tavern, the address of which is 2460 Superior Street, N. W. This tavern is apparently owned and operated by one William Parker, who resides at 1792 West 44th Street, with his mother, Mrs. Anna Parker, three brothers, Ray, George, and Bill, and three sisters, Florence, Loretta, and Anne. It was also found that William Parker, the proprietor, acts as bartender during the day, and that Martin Parker, a nephew of William Parker, tends bar during the night. There are also employed as waitresses one Hazel Jacobs, who has been employed there for eight months, and one Mae Neame, who has been employed there for a period of six months. The instant tavern is named the Last Chance Cafe and is located on the corner of Superior Street and West 25th. The tavern occupies the corner fronting about 65 feet on Superior Street, and about 65 feet on West 25th Street. Immediately behind the tavern and fronting on West 25th Street is a Gulf Service Station, which is operated by one Harold M. Holwell. The address of this station is 1383 West 25th Street. Harold M. Holwell resides at 2231 West 93rd Street. This filling station is connected on the inside with the tavern, in that the tavern makes use of the gentlemen's rest room in the Gulf Service Station. The building in which both of these enterprises are located is a five-story, brick building and from the second floor to the fifth are cheap apartments.

The above-mentioned Agents discreetly contacted Mae Neame and she was invited to accompany Agents to the Cleveland Bureau office where she was thoroughly questioned regarding the possibilities of



having at any time seen Alvin Karpis at the Last Chance Cafe. She gave her address as 1712 West 32nd Street. She stated that she is twenty-two years of age and lives with Mrs. West at the above address. She was shown several photographs, including all subjects of this case, but failed to make any identification of photographs shown her as being the likeness of anyone known to her to have visited the Last Chance Cafe. Mae Neame stated that she would be willing to assist the Bureau in any way possible in the location of fugitives wanted by this Bureau, and it is believed that if it can be definitely ascertained that the Last Chance Cafe is the same place to which Dolores Delaney had reference in her statement, that Mae Neame will be a valuable informant.

It was deemed advisable to ascertain definitely from Dolores Delaney whether or not the Last Chance Cafe was the place she had in mind, therefore, several photographs of the Last Chance Cafe were taken by the above named Agents and were subsequently forwarded to the Detroit office in order that they might be exhibited to Dolores Delaney.

The above Agents also conducted a surveillance of the premises at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which is the residence of Tony Amersbach. During the time that the surveillance was maintained no person resembling or answering to the description of Tony Amersbach was seen in that vicinity.

Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney attempted to locate a party by the name of McAddie (or MacAddie), who is believed to be occupying a house owned by Art Hebebrand, said house being located somewhere in the vicinity of Parma, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. It was ascertained that all deliveries of mail to Parma, Ohio are made from Brooklyn station at Cleveland, consequently Mr. H. F. Hotes, Assistant Superintendent of Mail, was contacted and he was requested to ascertain from rural and city carriers serving residents of Parma, Ohio, whether or not there is a person by the name of McAddie (or MacAddie), or some similar name, receiving mail. A later contact was made at said station where Agent interviewed Mr. C. Snow, Superintendent of the station. Mr. Snow advised that an inquiry had been made of all carriers, but that no information regarding anyone by the name of McAddie (or MacAddie) had been forthcoming.

Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney attempted to secure information regarding the identity and whereabouts of one Smoky Sharkey, a gambler, who is believed to have frequented the Harvard Club during the time it was in operation. Smoky Sharkey is believed to have been formerly engaged in the prize ring as a boxer, however, inquiries made at the sports departments of various newspapers failed to reveal any definite information in regard to any fighter using such a name. Inquiries were made at the post offices serving the vicinity of 98th and Madison Avenue, where Smoky Sharkey is reported to reside. Carriers were unable to furnish any information regarding Sharkey.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. Dowd:

On page twenty-five of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 25, 1934, mention is made of a notation on a paper found in the apartment of Alvin Karpis on 140th Street, which notation read: "Goletman, 3115 Lorain." This is probably meant for 3115 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, where the Goldman Glass Company is located.

Agent interviewed Nat Goldman, one of the partners, who stated that shortly after the police raided the apartment of Alvin Karpis on West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, he, Goldman, was interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau and recalled at the time that in response to a telephone call, one of his men went to the premises occupied by Alvin Karpis, and replaced a broken pane of glass. However, he did not know Karpis or Dolores Delaney, and they were unknown to any of his employees, none of whom were able to identify their photographs which were exhibited at the time Agent called at his place of business. Mr. Goldman stated that he advertised in the telephone directory, and the party ordering the pane of glass probably got his name in this way, when consulting the classified section of the telephone book.

On February 4, 1936, from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M., and on February 5, 1936 from 9:30 A. M. to about 2 P. M., Agent covered the home of Art Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street, in a Bureau car, with a view to determining what contacts Hebebrand made, if any, after leaving his home. During this period Hebebrand did not enter or come out of the house. Agent then placed a telephone call to the Hebebrand residence, which call was answered by a Mrs. Devlin. The latter is a sister-in-law of Art Hebebrand. In a discreet manner Agent ascertained that Art Hebebrand left the house on the afternoon of February 3, 1936 and had not as yet returned home, but he was expected to be heard from at any time. Mrs. Devlin suggested that he probably could be located through Shorty Conway, or by placing a call at the Hollenden Hotel and having him paged in the lobby. Shorty Conway is a former dealer at the Harvard Club. Inasmuch as it is known that Art Hebebrand has been living with and keeping a woman named Ruth Eager at the Lake Shore Hote, Cleveland, Ohio, Agent interviewed Mr. P. M. Markward, Manager, who advised that he had been keeping close check on Ruth Eager's room; that on Saturday, February 1, 1936, he received a telephone call from her from the outside, telling him that she was giving up her room and to place her personal effects in the storage room until she called for them. The following afternoon, Sunday, February 2, 1936, Ruth Eager came to the hotel, had the colored bell-boy take her things and place them in her Packard car, which was on the wash rack at the time. She was alone when she called and while paying her bill, she was asked for a forwarding address, but refused to leave one, saying that she did not want anyone to know where she was staying.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Michigan City, Indiana, at the Indiana State Prison, will ascertain whether Phillip Amersbach is incarcerated there and if so will appropriately interview the prisoner with reference to the slip of paper bearing his name and address, described on page 19 of this report, which was found on the occasion of the raid in September, 1934 on the residence of Alvin Karpis, 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, where Karpis resided with Dolores Delaney under the name of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth. This inquiry should be made for the purpose of ascertaining the reason for his name and address being in Karpis's apartment and the significance thereof, and also efforts should be made to ascertain the identity of the other persons whose names appeared on the slip of paper, their backgrounds, activities, and present locations, it being felt that if this information is properly developed it may be instrumental in furnishing leads as to the present whereabouts of the subjects in this case.

For the information of the Indianapolis office, Tony Amersbach, a brother of Phillip Amersbach, was closely allied with the proprietors of the Harvard Club prior to the time of its closing by the county prosecutor at Cleveland, Ohio on January 10, 1936, and since that date Tony has been very active in arrangements which are being made by the promoters of the club to reopen. It is felt that undoubtedly at the time Karpis and Campbell and other subjects were in Cleveland in the spring and fall of 1934, they frequented the Harvard Club and were acquainted with the operators of that club, namely, Art Hebebrand, and James "Shimmy" Patton, as well as Tony Amersbach.

The CINCINNATI OFFICE at Flushing and Dayton, Ohio, will ascertain the identity of George R. Benton, who is reported to reside on Rural Route #2, Flushing, Ohio, and at 333 Pleasant Street, Dayton, Ohio, will ascertain the identity of the occupants at that address. The superintendent of mail at Dayton advised the Cleveland office that people by the names of Benton and Forth reside at that address.

In connection with the investigation at Dayton and Flushing, please bear in mind that this is being requested for the purpose of determining whether or not the persons could be those who addressed registered mail at Cleveland, Ohio to Mrs. Maggie Lett, Wann, Oklahoma, as reflected by previous reports. It is felt that possibly the sender of these letters was in fact Milton Lett and it may be that he is residing at either Flushing or Dayton under the name of Benton or Forth.

At Columbus, Ohio, at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, will conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of determining all pertinent details with reference to any automobiles under registration and in the name of Fred Hunter, alias Fred King, alias Harold King, whose home is in the vicinity of Warren, Ohio, and in this connection refer to the body of this report, noting that recent information indicates that in about October, 1935 this individual allegedly purchased a new Ford V8 automobile, and that the car which he had previously was registered in Warren, Ohio under the name of Harold King. In the event a registration is located for this individual, appropriate stop notice should be placed in order that your office will be notified immediately in the event the car is registered in the future.

Will refer to long distance telephone calls set out in the body of this report, and conduct appropriate investigation with reference to the telephone numbers located in the Cincinnati territory for the purpose of determining whether or not Karpis or Campbell are located at the places listed.

The CHICAGO OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the Chicago territory.

The NEW YORK OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the New York territory.

The DETROIT OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the Detroit territory.

The PITTSBURGH OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the Pittsburgh territory.

The TRENTON OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the Trenton territory.

The BUFFALO OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the Buffalo territory.

The NEW ORLEANS OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the New Orleans territory.



The WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the Washington territory.

The ST. LOUIS OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the St. Louis territory.

The ST. PAUL OFFICE will refer to long distance telephone calls appearing in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those numbers in the St. Paul territory.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE is being forwarded herewith, to aid in the investigation looking toward the apprehension of Milton Lett, a photograph of Fred Hunter, who is reported to be a close friend of Milton Lett.

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE is being forwarded herewith, to aid in the investigation looking toward the apprehension of Milton Lett, a photograph of Fred Hunter, who is reported to be a close friend of Milton Lett.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Wickcliffe, Marion, Akron, Westlake, Montrose, Toledo, Milton Lake, Berea, Girard, Barberton, Lorain, Elyria, Bedford, and Painesville, Ohio, will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to long distance telephone calls at those places as set out in the body of this report.

At Youngstown, Ohio will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to Clayton Hall, reputed to be a gambler employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company, recalling that Hall, on October 19, 1935, was arrested with Milton Lett at Akron, Ohio. This investigation should be conducted for the purpose of determining whether or not Hall is presently associated with Lett, or that there is a possibility of developing Lett's present whereabouts through him.

At Toledo, Ohio will conduct further investigation with reference to P. J. Tansey, mentioned on page 37 of this report.

- PENDING -



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

D E C O D E

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR ATTENTION MR. TOLSON  
SAC - E. J. CONNELLEY, CHICAGO.

PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE MY LETTER TO S A C CONNELLEY FEBRUARY FIFTH AND HIS AIRMAIL REPLY OF TENTH INSTANT RELATIVE COVERING MOVEMENTS AND CONTACTS OF THE BROTHER OF HARRY CAMPBELL AT MIDLAND, TEXAS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING SUGGESTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS OF S A C CONNELLEY I CAN NOT DETAIL AN AGENT FROM THIS OFFICE AT THIS TIME FOR THE PURPOSE. AGENT STREET IS NOT WORKING AND MAY NOT BE FOR SOME TIME ACCOUNT HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION. AGENT FALKNER IS IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FINISHING CASES WHICH HE MUST PRESENT TO GRAND JURY NEXT WEEK. THIS LEAVES ME ALONE AT THIS OFFICE EXCEPT FOR AGENT A. B. LECKIE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE IN SURVEILLANCE OF FITZGERALD AND WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS OFFICE TO WAIT AT EL PASO FOR THE THREE OTHER AGENTS FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE WHO ARE ON SURVEILLANCE OF FITZGERALD AT CARLSBAD. IN ANY EVENT THE WORK REQUESTED BY CONNELLEY WILL REQUIRE UNDIVIDED ATTENTION OF ONE OR MORE AGENTS AND IF IT IS TO BE COVERED IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT ADDITIONAL AGENTS BE ASSIGNED TO THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. I HAVE HERETOFORE REQUESTED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL AGENT TO KEEP UP WITH THE NORMAL WORK HERE. PLEASE ADVISE.

AGENTS AT CARLSBAD REPORT THAT FITZGERALD AND PARTY VISITING OIL WELL DAILY. NO OTHER ACTIVITY OF INTEREST.

COLVIN

CC - Bureau  
Los Angeles  
Dallas  
Chicago  
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MAR 10 1936  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 1:25 P. M Per MW

BR:CCM

February 10, 1936

Mr. Werner Hanni,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

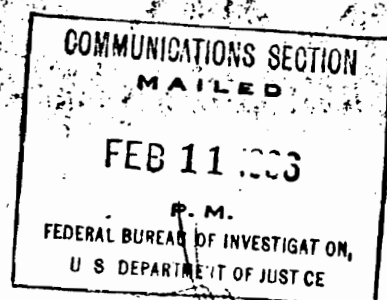
In the recent trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald, at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, it would appear that Harry Sawyer, in testifying, endeavored to explain why, if he were not guilty of any offense, he proceeded to run away from April, 1934 to May, 1935, and in his examination it was brought out by his attorney that the reason he did not surrender was because of the alleged treatment certain individuals were supposed to have received at the hands of Government Agents handling the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul. This statement was amplified to the effect that he, Sawyer, understood Tom Philbin had been held a considerable period of time in this case and questioned in the Federal Building in St. Paul and, in fact, had been required to stand in a corner, after having been stripped of his clothing. This alleged situation was dwelt upon by Sawyer's counsel in his argument to the jury.

Will you please advise the Bureau at the earliest possible moment as to your recollection of any and all matters relative to the questioning of Tom Philbin in St. Paul during the early part of the investigation into the Bremer kidnaping.

RECORDED & INDEXED  
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 14, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with this case (Bureau file No. 7-576) there are being forwarded herewith two photographs of John B. (Jack) Davenport, Minneapolis Police Department No. 11946, also two photographs of Jack Pfeiffer, Milwaukee Police Department No. 19290, said pictures being supplied in order that the Bureau files might be complete.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JACK PFEIFFER



JOHN B. DAVENPORT

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
February 14, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of February 13, 1936, advising that the United States Attorney at Jacksonville desired the presence of Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran at Tampa, Florida, February 25, 1936, in connection with the obtaining of a new indictment against Myrtle Eaton.

You are advised that the United States Attorney now informs me that he can do without the presence of Agent Suran if assured that Agent Sullivan will be present.

It is requested that the Jacksonville Office be notified as soon as possible as to whether Agent Sullivan will be available on the date indicated.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

REN:C

Cc: Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

On the afternoon of February 10, 1936, [REDACTED] communicated by telephone with Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd and advised him that she had arrived in Chicago from Lake Charles, Louisiana, at 4:30 A.M. on that date and was presently located at the Roosevelt Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent R. C. Suran interviewed [REDACTED] at the Roosevelt Hotel, and arrangements were made with her that she should proceed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the purpose of endeavoring to ascertain whether Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz or Emily Newbold know the whereabouts of Subject Karpis.

[REDACTED] proceeded to [REDACTED] and on February 13, 1936, she again registered at the Roosevelt Hotel and was interviewed by Agent Suran.

[REDACTED] stated she engaged in numerous conversations with Emily Newbold and Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz concerning Alvin Karpis. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz and Emily Newbold discussed with her the failure of Karpis to provide for the support of his infant son, and Mrs. Karpavicz would become very angry when she discussed this subject, stating that she could not understand why Alvin did not communicate with them in some manner in order to furnish them with funds. Clara Venute also visited the Karpavicz family and advised [REDACTED] that she and her husband were going to be put out of their home for

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failure to pay rent; that they were on relief and in destitute circumstances.

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[redacted] advised that under the pretext of assisting Emily Newbold in cleaning her apartment, and using the same pretext with Mrs. Karpavicz, she had an opportunity to make a thorough examination of both apartments and found nothing therein which would indicate that these people were communicating with Karpis or that they had funds secreted in the apartments.

According to [redacted] Emily Newbold has requested that she [redacted] keep her advised of her whereabouts at all times, and indicated to [redacted] that should they receive any information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis she would probably want [redacted] to go to him or at least accompany Emily Newbold to him.

[redacted] stated that she is firmly convinced that these people have no information concerning the present whereabouts of Karpis, as they appear, as previously stated, very much disgusted with him for his failure to provide for the baby, and Mrs. Karpavicz went so far as to say that she was beginning to believe that the baby belonged to someone else besides her son inasmuch as he showed no interest in him. [redacted] advised that these people are very anxious to get in touch with Karpis, and she believes that they would do so if they had any information whatsoever concerning his present whereabouts.

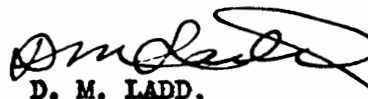
Mrs. [redacted] was not advised by Agent Suran of our present set-up in the apartment above this family, but Agent Suran indicated to her that it would be desirable for her to spend as much time as possible with the old folks, and [redacted] later advised Agent Suran that from this remark she construed that we had a "bug" in the Karpavicz apartment. She stated that at no time did this family indicate to her that they were suspicious of any individuals in the apartment building or in the neighborhood.

\*The log maintained by Special Agent V. E. Criss and Informant Viatkus substantiates the information furnished by [redacted] concerning the conversations had by her with the Karpavicz family, with the exception of those conversations which [redacted] advised took place in the Newbold apartment. This log will be fully reported in a report in the near future.

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██████████ left Chicago, Illinois, at 6:30 P.M. on February 13, 1936, returning to Lake Charles, Louisiana. She advised that she would keep Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley advised of her whereabouts at all times and would be willing to proceed any place at any time when it was thought that she could be of service to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

February 14, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:- RE: BREKID

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of BRUCE UPshaw, who is probably an old associate of William Elmer Mead. It is requested that the Bureau prepare copies of this photograph and forward ten of same to the Jacksonville Office for future use.

The suggestion is also made that the Bureau may desire to place sufficient copies of this photograph in other Bureau Offices deemed to be in strategic locations with respect to locating both Upshaw and Mead.

On January 29, 1936, Upshaw forfeited a \$25,000.00 bond in State Court at Daytona Beach, Florida, where a case is pending against him for a huge swindle in a confidence game.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1216; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

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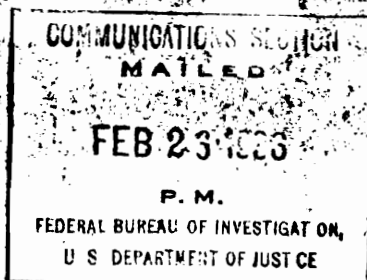
In compliance with your letter of February 14, 1936,  
wherein you transmit a photograph of Bruce Upshaw, who you state  
is probably an old associate of William Elmer Head, and request  
that you be furnished with ten additional copies of this photo-  
graph, there are transmitted herewith photographs to which you  
refer.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Encl. No. 1124577

cc: Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati



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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
February 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: BUNKID

In accordance with the request contained in the  
letter from the Little Rock office dated February 5, 1936,  
there are transmitted herewith four photographs of George  
Dunn, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREKID GOERGE'S DASHO LIVED WESTCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB RYE NEW YORK FOR FIVE  
YEARS UNTIL HE LEFT JULY 1935. WAS MEMBER OF THIS CLUB. FORMERLY IN BUSINESS  
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of Investigation U.S. Department of Justice,  
New York City.

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

February 14, 1936

Mr. F. R. Casey  
Post Office Inspector  
Toledo, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Mr. Casey:

It is respectfully requested that a thirty-day mail tracing be made of all mail received at 211 East Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, this place is known as the Forty-second Street Safe.

It is also requested that a tracing be made of all first class mail received by anyone at 3204 River Road, Toledo, Ohio, which is the residence of Joseph J. Brown.

In reply, kindly refer to our file number 7-1.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the writer.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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1016 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
February 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago office dated February 10, 1936, relative to checking the registration of 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, in order to ascertain whether stop cards have been placed on the correct automobile.

The Kansas City office file reflects that a stop card has been placed in the files of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, and appropriate inquiries were made at the Motor Vehicle Department, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, which as will be noted is the correct automobile.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 14, 1936

Postmaster,  
LaGrange, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation it is desired that a cover be placed on all first class mail delivered to the establishment of Charles Lubbock, 8405 Cermak Road, North Riverside, Illinois.

It is requested for a period of thirty days and it is desired that issue tracings covering the name of the addressee, with cancellation stamp be forwarded to this office as soon as they are obtained.

In forwarding tracings, kindly refer to file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
February 12, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Please furnish a fiscal control number in the  
total amount of \$5.67, to cover <sup>emergency</sup> purchase of photographic  
copies and prints required in the investigation of the  
BREKID case.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

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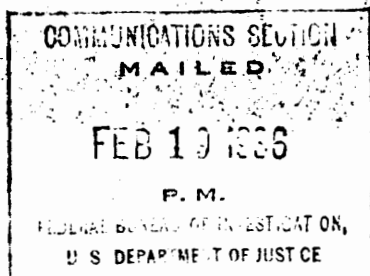
With reference to your letter of  
please be advised that a fiscal control number is furnished  
below for your use in purchasing the following items at the  
prices listed:

Photographic copies and prints, \$5.67

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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REPORT MADE AT: Phoenix, Arizona	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/10/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Feb. 1 & 2, 1936	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. SNOW VB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SUMMARY REPORT			
<p>SYNOPSIS: Files in instant case reviewed, but no record found that William Elmer Mead has ever been under investigation in territory covered by this office. Fingerprints of Mead checked through State Identification Bureau without results. Records of Phoenix, Arizona Police Department revealed no arrest of Mead but contained circular wanted notice of the Denver Police Department. Photographs of Mead furnished Phoenix and Tucson Police Departments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Director dated December 19, 1935, and letter from the Chicago office to the Cincinnati office dated January 27, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: The files of this office as pertaining to instant case were reviewed and no record found of William Elmer Mead as having been under investigation in the territory covered by the Phoenix office. In this connection attention was also given the various aliases as used by Mead. In view of the fact that it would merely be repetition to set out at this time the information contained in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 6, 1936, no mention is being made of the information contained in that report.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Andersen</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-9523	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 17 1936
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A photographic copy of Mead's fingerprint card showing the mutilated condition of his fingerprints, as forwarded to the Phoenix office on December 19, 1935, was supplied to Mr. J. F. McDonald, fingerprint expert, Bureau of Criminal Identification, State Office Building, Phoenix, Arizona, and same was searched through the files of the fingerprints of that Bureau without results. This photographic copy of Mead's fingerprints was left with the Bureau of Criminal Identification with a request that should a copy of Mead's fingerprints be received by that Bureau, that the Phoenix office be immediately notified. The files of that Bureau were also searched for the various aliases used by Mead through the former fingerprint classification of Mead prior to the mutilation of his fingerprints, and it was ascertained that no record existed of Mead's arrest under any of his aliases in the State of Arizona since the Bureau of Criminal Identification has been in operation.

Agent also interviewed Captain T. J. Lucey, Phoenix Police Department, and exhibited to him photographs of Mead, but Captain Lucey advised that he does not recall having ever seen Mead.

Mr. Lloyd Estes, Criminal Identification Bureau, Phoenix Police Department, searched the records of his department and ascertained that the only record now on file in the Phoenix Police Department is a wanted notice and fingerprint card of Mead under the name of John Henry Foster, which wanted notice was issued by the Denver Police Department, on December 12, 1931, giving Mead's fingerprint classification as  $\frac{1}{17} \frac{U}{R} \frac{5}{r} \frac{2}{2}$ , which wanted circular indicated that Mead

is wanted by the Jacksonville, Florida Police Department for jumping bond and that his known aliases at that time were W. Elmer Mead and "Christ Kid". Mr. Estes advised that should Mead be subsequently arrested by the Phoenix Police Department, that the Phoenix Bureau office would be notified immediately.

Agent interviewed Officer Joe Murphy, of the Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, as suggested by Captain Lucey as being an officer familiar with confidence men operating in the vicinity of Phoenix, and was advised by Officer Murphy that he cannot state positively that he has ever seen Mead, although the photograph exhibited to him somewhat resembled a man who stopped at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix approximately one year ago and registered under the name of Blair, who was thought to have been engaged in the promotion of a confidence scheme at that time, but that Blair checked out of the hotel before he, Officer Murphy, could apprehend him.

Agent interviewed H. F. Grantham, Assistant Manager of the Westward Ho

Hotel who advised that Mead's photograph somewhat resembled a man named Blair who stopped at the Westward Ho Hotel in March, 1935, and subsequently left the hotel without paying his room rent in the amount of \$25.00, but that Blair was a younger man than Mead appears to be and he is sure they are not identical.

Agent interviewed C. T. Radey, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Building, Phoenix, Arizona, with reference to whether or not Mead has ever come under investigation by his office in connection with mail fraud schemes. Mr. Radey produced a photograph of one Harry J. Kelly, alias Walter G. Kelly, alias Osborne, who Mr. Radey advised had registered at the Westward Ho Hotel in March, 1935, using the name of H. R. Blair, and who was thought to have been involved in several confidence schemes throughout the country. The comparison of Kelly's photograph with that of Mead revealed that Kelly is not identical with Mead and appears to be somewhat younger. Mr. Radey also advised that Kelly had used the name Hunnington on occasions in the past in connection with confidence schemes.

After viewing the photographs of Mead, Mr. Radey advised that he does not recall having seen the man before and has no record of an investigation made by his office in connection with him. He stated that on February 23, 1935, one Paul Sawyer, who resides at Elm Creek, Nebraska, was fleeced out of \$25,000 by a man whose correct name is believed to be W. C. Douglas, but who resided several weeks at hotels in Phoenix under the name of S. W. Maloney; that Douglas was associated with one J. Sloan, of San Francisco, California, who is known also as "Boone Kid", Jim Whitney, Abbott S. Whitney, and who is described as being about 65 years of age and of slender build, but that he, Radey, did not believe Douglas to be identical with Mead; Radey was of the opinion that at the time Paul Sawyer was fleeced out of \$25,000 the Phoenix Police Department could have arrested Douglas but failed to do so.

Agent presented photographs of Mead to hotel clerks and employees of the main hotels in Phoenix, Arizona, with negative results, the following being the hotels at which Mead's photograph was exhibited to employees: Westward Ho Hotel; San Carlos Hotel; Luhrs Hotel; Jefferson Hotel; Adams Hotel; Arizona Hotel.

As set out in the summary report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935, it was noticed that William Bryan Bolton, now incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, advised (page 105) that in January, 1934, he was residing at Phoenix, Arizona, and also Irene Dorsey advised that she sent a telegram to Monty Carter (Bolton) (page 178) when he was residing at 3348 Northeast Seventeenth Avenue (there is no Northeast Seventeenth Avenue in Phoenix; Carter's correct address at that time was 3448 North Sixteenth Street.)



In the elimination of that address as being a possible meeting place for the remaining subjects in instant case, it should be noted that no such address exists at Phoenix, but that an investigation made by the Phoenix office in an effort to connect Bolton with the case entitled OSCAR HERBERT ROBSON alias "BUSTER" ROBSON, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JUNE ROBLES - VICTIM: EXTORTION, the following is quoted from the report of Special Agent Enos Sandberg, dated at Phoenix, Arizona, February 10, 1936:

"Agents Sandberg and Sorola ascertained that Byron Bolton as Owen B. (Monte) Carter lived at 3448 North 16th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, from October 4, 1933, to May 18 or 19, 1934. It was ascertained at the Osborn School that his two children, Vonnice Carter and Junior Carter, attended school in Phoenix, Arizona, from October 4, 1933, to May 18, 1934. School records show the following information: Vonnice Carter, 6th grade, 3448 North 16th Street; parent - Owen B. Carter; born January 31, 1921, age 11 years 8 months. Entered school from Chicago. Entered school October 4, 1933. Promoted to 7th grade on May 18, 1934. Teacher - Arden Staples. Junior Carter, 8th grade, 3448 North 16th Street, Phoenix, Arizona; parent - Owen B. Carter; born July 25, 1920. Entered school October 4, 1933, from Chicago. Promoted to High School May 18, 1934. V. D. Jones - teacher.

"Agents interviewed Frank Madison, owner of the Madison School of Golf, corner of McDowell and Sixteenth Streets, Phoenix, Arizona, and he stated that he was very well acquainted with Mr. Carter; that Carter played golf at his place nearly every day while in Phoenix; that he came early in the mornings and was there when he closed up at nights; that he spent from \$1.50 to \$3.00 every day at the golf school; that he told Mr. Madison that he was just waiting until school was out; that he was all packed up and ready to leave; that he left a day or two after school was out."

On February 5, 1936, the Tucson, Arizona Police Department was supplied with photographs of Mead and his wife, by letter, with the request that the Phoenix office be notified should any information be received by the Tucson Police Department as to their possible past connections at Tucson. Should any information be received, same will be immediately transmitted to the Bureau.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-39

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-15-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-8-10-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. GREANEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Charles Fryman, Harrisville, Pa., advises that subject Campbell's mother and father visited the Danoff family at Harrisville, Pa., during December, 1935 but that they were not accompanied by any individuals resembling either of the subjects. Postal authorities, police officials, and reliable neighbors advise that they have observed no individuals resembling Campbell or Karpis in the vicinity of Harrisville, Grove City, or West Middlessex, Pa.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney, Pittsburgh, Pa., January 3, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

**AT HARRISVILLE, PA.**

JOHN BOSS DUFFY, Postmaster, stated that he has been maintaining a close watch on the mail emanating from and addressed to the Danoff family but he has observed no mail or packages of a suspicious nature. He has observed no suspicious individuals in the vicinity of the Danoff residence but he has observed nothing of a suspicious nature. He stated that he would have his carrier continue to keep the Danoff home under surveillance and immediately advise Pittsburgh if anything of unusual significance develops.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. Shivers</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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At the time the Post Office was visited, Postmaster Duffy produced two letters postmarked February 6, 1936 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, addressed to ~~MISS ELLINOR DANOFF~~ and ~~MISS ELLINOR DANOFF~~, R. D. #3, Harrisville, Pa. The return address was ~~South Rockford Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma~~. One of the letters was torn and contained a Valentine's Day card. The other letter was also torn and appeared to contain a Valentine's card.

CONSTABLE L. E. MACGROBEE was contacted in a further effort to ascertain whether either Campbell or Karpis might have been in the area. He advised on examining the photographs of both that he had never seen any individuals resembling either in or about Harrisville. He was supplied with a detailed description of both Campbell and Karpis and was advised to contact the Pittsburgh Office by telephone if he observed individuals resembling either in or about Harrisville. He further stated that he knew the Danoff family quite well and would make it a point to visit their home periodically in the future in order to keep a better check on their home. In addition, he stated that he knew CLARENCE BIXLER having had some dealings with him and would also arrange to drop in occasionally on him to ascertain whether he might have any strangers living with him.

MRS. CHARLES FREYMAN, Rural Route #3, stated that since last interviewed, she and her husband have been maintaining a close watch on the Danoff residence for the possible appearance of any strangers. She advised that subject Campbell's mother and father visited the Danoff family in early December, 1935; that her husband did not know it at the time of Agent's last visit; that she was positive of their identity since the daughter, Ellnor Danoff, came over to her house to use the telephone at the time and stated to her that her "grandma and grandpa from Oklahoma" were visiting at her home. Mrs. Danoff could not recall but was of the opinion that they had come in a car bearing Oklahoma tags. She stated, however, that they were apparently alone and could recall seeing no person resembling subject Campbell with them. She further advised that she will continue to maintain a watch on the Danoff home and that if she observes any strangers or suspicious cars at their home she will promptly contact the Pittsburgh Office by telephone.

#### AT GROVE CITY, PA.

The SAVOY TAVERN adjacent to the home of Clarence Bixler was re-visited. The proprietor, engaged in casual conversation, advised that he rents the tavern from Clarence Bixler for which he pays \$40.00 a month; that Clarence Bixler, as far as he has been able to observe, has few visitors;

that Bixler lives with his wife and her daughter by a former marriage and his youngest son Walter; that he has no boarders residing at his home and has had no visitors at his home recently.

EDWARD BURTON, who resides in close proximity to Clarence Bixler, stated that he, his wife and daughter Jean have kept a close watch on his home since last interviewed; that they have noticed no unusual activity at the Bixler home and have observed no strangers visiting there, nor anyone particularly resembling the descriptions and photographs of Campbell or Karpis. He advised, however, that he would continue to keep on the alert for any information or any activity that might indicate the presence of either subject in the locality and notify the Pittsburgh Office at once.

Postmaster OLIVE MCCOY stated she has had her carriers maintaining a watch on the homes of Nell Bixler Surana, Mrs. Bernice Bixler Boyd, Mrs. Sarah Bixler Robson and the home of Clarence Bixler, but that to date none of the respective carriers have noticed any strangers at the homes of either; that she has made the respective carriers study the photographs and descriptions of both subjects in order to be able more readily to identify them if they appear in that area. She stated that she is very much interested in the possibility of Campbell and Karpis being in around Grove City, and will exert every effort and means at her disposal to assist the Bureau in determining whether either of the subjects might be in that area. She further advised that if anything develops that appears worthwhile she will telephone the Pittsburgh Office immediately.

Chief of Police JAMES REED, Officers Enoch COOKSON and W. W. VANEMAN were again interviewed. All stated that they have been alert to scrutinize strangers coming into Grove City since they were impressed with the possibility of having such notorious criminals visit their town. They all advised that they have not observed anyone in or about Grove City that resembled either Campbell or Karpis but that they would continue to be on the alert for any strangers coming into Grove City answering their descriptions and promptly contact the Pittsburgh Office if they developed any information indicating the presence of either subject in that section.

MARY HAZLETT, R. D. #1, stated that she and her brother William have been keeping a watch on the home of MRS. JOHN BOYD but that to date they have noticed no strangers at their home or anyone in that vicinity resembling either of the subjects; that her brother has been likewise on the alert when passing the Windmill Tavern operated by FLORENCE BRUNNER for the possible appearance of any persons resembling the subjects but to date he has observed no one that would answer the description of either. She stated, however, that they would continue their surveillance and that if they noticed



any persons in that vicinity answering the descriptions of either they would telephone the Pittsburgh Office.

The Windmill Beer Garden was visited around 7:30 PM. on Saturday but Agent observed only two individuals there drinking beer, neither of whom resembled either of the subjects. The place has a notorious reputation as a hoodlum hangout, particularly for Saturday night brawls.

AT WEST MIDDLESSEX, PA.

Postmaster CHESTER BOAL stated that he has observed no mail going to or coming from Tulsa, Oklahoma since Nell Bixler Surena moved back to Grove City, Pa. He advised, however, that he would be on the alert for any mail from or to Tulsa, Oklahoma on the possibility that Campbell or Karpis might be hidden in that area.

High Constable RALPH S. GARMAN stated that he has observed no strangers in the vicinity of West Middlessex since the photographs of both subjects were shown to him, resembling Campbell or Karpis. He advised that he would continue to scrutinize all strangers closely coming into the town and notify the Pittsburgh Office if he believed any might be either of the subjects.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.  
FEBRUARY 14, 1936.

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Jacksonville  
New Orleans

BREKID INFORMANT DE METZ MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY OFFICER PASSCHRISTIAN  
MISSISSIPPI ONE OF INFORMANTS ON SAWYER ADVISES PARTY AT GULFPORT MISSISSIPPI  
IN HOTEL NAMED DAYSO POSSESSION PLYMOUTH SEDAN THIRTY SIX FLORIDA PLATES  
TWO TWO FIVE DASH ONE FIVE EIGHT MAY BE WILLIAM ELMER MEAD NOT SEEN  
BY INFORMANT PHOTOGRAPH MEAD REPORTED IDENTIFIED BY PARTY LIKENESS SUSPECT  
HAVE DISPATCHED AGENTS NEAL AND BORMAN FOR SURVEY UNLESS NEGATIVE RESULTS  
WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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New Orleans, La.,  
February 14, 1936.

R. B. NATHAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
412 U. S. COURTHOUSE & POST OFFICE BLDG.,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

BREKID ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NAME ADDRESS REGISTRANT THIRTY SIX FLORIDA LICENSE

PLATES TWO TWO FIVE DASH ONE FIVE EIGHT INFORMANT ADVISES MAY BE WILLIAM ELMER

MEAD ADVISE IF IDENTITY REGISTRANT KNOWN NOW REPORTED LOCATED GULFPORT.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

I understand that some additional information was developed by agents at St. Paul recently which will have a bearing on the case pending in Florida against Myrtle Eaton, and on the case against Adams, McDonald et al.

Will you please furnish this Division with copies of the latest reports bearing on these matters? We would like to have these copies today if possible.

Respectfully,

*Brien McMahon*  
BRIEN MCMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
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Mr. Foxworth  
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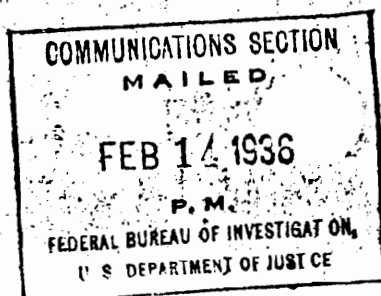
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With reference to your memorandum of February 4, 1936, concerning the additional evidence recently obtained at St. Paul, Minnesota, by Agents of this Bureau pertaining to Myrtle Eaton, Joe Adams, and Henry "Duke" Randall, who are under indictment, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a report dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, which was prepared by Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

**Inclosure #1122430**



*[Handwritten signature]*



Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with letter from this office to the Cleveland office dated February 12, 1936, a copy of which was designated for your office, there was contained a suggestion to make suitable investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas to determine whether Harry Campbell was presently frequenting this town. It may be mentioned that a review of the file in the Chicago office indicates that Campbell has been in the habit in the past of frequenting such places for treatment.

In this connection reference is made to the statement of Wynona Purdette dated September 13, 1934, as contained in report of Special Agent R.D. Brown dated September 19, 1934, where on page 36 is noted her statement that in 1933 Wynona Purdette and Harry Campbell spent three weeks at Hot Springs, Arkansas taking hot baths daily. It is noted that a copy of the above report was designated for your office.

The report of Special Agent A.J. Moratton, Kansas City, Missouri dated December 9, 1935, page 5 contains information from Milton Brooks to the effect that Campbell is periodically afflicted with severe spells of gonorrheal rheumatism, and had made frequent trips to mineral wells. Subsequent investigation by the Dallas office resulted in identification of Campbell visiting Mineral Wells, Texas early in the year 1935.

For the above reasons it is believed highly important that a thorough inquiry be made at the various bath houses at Hot Springs, Arkansas to determine whether Campbell has been visiting the baths in that town. It is suggested that identification orders be left at all the bath houses in order that the Little Rock office may be advised should Campbell appear.

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Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD

Special Agent in Charge

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1936

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
TOMMY <del>WILSON</del> , alias TOMMY COLEMAN	Akron P. D. #17333		

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Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge,

LCS/aws

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February 25, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated February 14, 1936, regarding TOMMY TRAFTON, I am transmitting herewith the criminal record as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of one Thomas Trafton, our file # 623554, who is possibly identical with the person concerning whom you inquire.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Enclosure #871098.

CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Bureau Office,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.  
Bureau Office,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Bureau Office,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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R. WHITLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 1403  
NEW YORK CITY

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BREKID THIRTY FIVE MODEL PLYMOUTH SEDAN MOTOR PJ TWO ONE SEVEN SIX TWO ONE  
REPORTED CARRIED THIRTY FIVE NEWYORK LICENSE ISSUED LAURA Z DASO OR GEORGE S DASO  
RESIDENCE BELIEVED NYE NEWYORK ASCERTAIN IDENTITY DASO REPORTED TO BE MEAD

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C. D. McKean  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1002 POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE BLDG.  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BREKID LAURA Z DASO OR GEORGE S DASO POSSESSION PLYMOUTH SEDAN MOTOR PJ  
TWO ONE SEVEN SIX TWO ONE REPORTED PURCHASED AUGUST TWENTY EIGHTH LAST  
FROM BREWER BROTHERS INCORPORATED PITTSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS BUT CARRIED  
THIRTY FIVE NEWYORK LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN SUSPECTED BEING MEAD ADVISE  
IMMEDIATELY WHETHER DASO KNOWN

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 4, 1936, to the Milwaukee Bureau Office in which request was made that two photographs of John B. Davenport be secured and forwarded to you for use in connection with this case.

You will find enclosed herewith two photographs of John B. Davenport, Minneapolis Police Department No. 11946, also two photographs of Jack Pfeiffer, Milwaukee Police Department No. 19290. Originals of these pictures were borrowed from the Illinois Bankers Association, Chicago, Illinois, and copies were prepared in this Office.

Reference is made to request of the Chicago Office by letter dated February 7, 1936 to the Milwaukee Bureau Office that the photograph of Jack Pfeiffer, alias Jack Reiffer be secured in order that an appropriate number of copies might be made and supplied to interested Offices. This request as well as the request of the St. Paul Office in letter dated February 4, 1936, should be disregarded.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Feb. 15, 1936.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fug.  
IO 1218. ET AL. Edward George  
Bremer, Victim. KIDNAPING.

Very truly yours,

C. A. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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ONE R

P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
February 12, 1936

Postmaster  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

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Re: L. A. File 7-42

It will be greatly appreciated if a letter  
cover is maintained in this street address.

W. R. or Mrs. Roy Hanson  
504 North Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

It is requested that tracings of this mail, showing the  
address as well as the return be forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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ONE R

P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
February 12, 1936

Mr. Henry E. R. Briggs  
Postmaster  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

BREXID

Re: L. A. File 7-42

It will be greatly appreciated if a mail cover is maintained  
on all first-class mail addressed to any parties at -

6661 1/2 Holl  
Los Angeles

for a period of 30 days. It is suggested that the tags on the  
address, as well as the return, be forwarded to this office.

Thanking you for this cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO AND SAC EL PASO

PHONE. BREKID. LETTER POSTMARKED MINNEAPOLIS, AND IN SAME HANDWRITING AS FORMER LETTERS, LEFT AT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS HERE TODAY FOR FITZGERALD. IT WAS CALLED FOR BY <sup>Emergency</sup> ROBERTSON WOMAN AT TIME OF DELIVERY. SHE OPENED THE LETTER IN THE LOBBY OF THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, THEN PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO FITZGERALD'S APARTMENT THERE, MAKING A TELEPHONE CALL TO HIM IN CARLSBAD. SHE WAS UNABLE TO REACH HIM: HER VOICE APPEARED AGITATED. SHE THEN REQUESTED THAT THE CALL BE COMPLETED THIS AFTERNOON IN ORDER FOR HER TO RECEIVE IT AT HER OWN APARTMENT. SHE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO TELEPHONE AN ACQUAINTANCE, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING HIM. VOICE AGAIN APPEARED AGITATED. POSSIBLY THE LETTER DID NOT CONTAIN MONEY THAT WAS EXPECTED.

HANSON

ACK PLS

CHICAGO OK FBI CHICAGO MWC

EL PASO AGENTS AT CARLSBAD HAVE NOT REPORTED ANY ACTIVITIES OF PARTY THERE EXCEPT DAILY TRIPS TO OILEWELL. OK EL PASO MW

WASHINGTON DC OK FBI WASHINGTON DC OHP

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

*Urgent  
to Chicago  
to Carlsbad  
Fitzgerald*



Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

The report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated December 9, 1935, sets forth the list of correspondents of William Elmer Mead during the time he was confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, as John H. Foster.

It is noted from the list of correspondents that Mead received over 200 communications from Sears Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois, and forwarded to this address 34 letters. Investigation at Sears Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois, has failed to reveal the nature of this correspondence, although it has been admitted by Mr. Williams, Treasurer of Sears Roebuck and Company, that this is an unusual situation in that so many letters were forwarded to Mead in such a short period of time.

It is requested that your office conduct further investigation at the Colorado State Penitentiary in an effort to determine the nature of this correspondence in order that further investigation can be conducted at Sears Roebuck and Company, as it appears probable that due to the voluminous correspondence had in the past with Mead, Mead might possibly be continuing this correspondence. There are over 150 departments in Sears Roebuck and Company, and unless more definite information is obtained concerning the nature of the correspondence it appears that it will be highly improbable that appropriate investigation can be conducted at Sears Roebuck and Company.

It is requested that you expedite this investigation.

Very truly yours,  
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Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO AND SAC EL PASO.

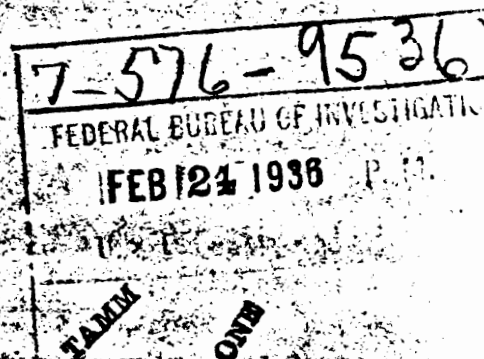
PHONE. BREKID. <sup>Inogene</sup> ROBERTSON WOMAN TELEPHONED <sup>Cherry</sup> FITZGERALD AT CARLSBAD LAST NIGHT WHEN LATTER STATED HE WOULD RETURN TO LOS ANGELES OVER WEEKEND DEPENDING UPON WEATHER CONDITIONS. HE INDICATED HE WAS EXPECTING VERY IMPORTANT MAIL FROM EAST WHICH HAS BEEN CORROBORATED HERE BY ACTIVITIES OF ROBERTSON WOMAN IN MAKING INQUIRY FOR MAIL AT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS, BUT NO MAIL AS YET RECEIVED. SHE SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE RETURN BY WAY OF PHOENIX. CHECK DRAWN ON FITZGERALD'S ACCOUNT IN BANK OF AMERICA HERE IN AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN FAVOR OF CARLSBAD NATIONAL BANK RECEIVED. CHECK ENDORSED T. J. HALEY BY J. J. DOWLING, ATTORNEY IN FACT. THIS LEAVES BALANCE OF FIVE HUNDRED, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT ANOTHER CHECK WILL COME THROUGH FROM CARLSBAD IN THAT AMOUNT. ROBERTSON WOMAN INDICATES FITZGERALD IS WIRING THE EAST FOR MONEY.

HANSON

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Feb. 16, 1936. E.L.

42 Plummer St.

Oil City, Pa.

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I am in  
If of  
you see, which  
please send my  
information regarding  
Alvin Karpis. I wish the  
information to be clear -  
that you send me your identifi-  
cation address. Such as kind of  
cigarettes he smokes, kind  
of magazines he reads, type of  
women he prefers etc. etc.

I would like to take this  
time to thank you for  
the Identification Address

Service operated by Davenport. One Western Union Telegram has been received and investigation in this connection is being made. The following Office Arrangements have been made: The General Delivery Section of the Post Office at Davenport will be notified both by the General Delivery Section and the Post Office Inspection Service, and any mail received from any source, being the name of the person who has been used by Mrs. Davenport, when received, will be reported to the General Delivery Section.

A General Delivery clerk who was on duty at the time Mrs. Davenport called for mail under the name of GILBERTSON conversed with her for about five minutes while pretending to be searching for mail, and has stated that he can recognize this woman should she again call for mail, and will notify the St. Paul Office if she calls for mail under any name whatsoever.

Mr. E. F. Kelly, District Superintendent of the Western Union, Mr. A. A. McLaughlin, District Superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company, both have been contacted and arrangements were made with them to advise this office concerning any mail which may be received from one at the residence of Davenport or to DAVENPORT, place of business, and any mail received other than have heretofore been reported.

The question of placing certain telephone lines under observation, has been discussed with Mr. Glen Allen, Manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, and with Mr. J. P. Mason, Commercial Superintendent of that company, but the Minnesota Statute making it an offense punishable by jail sentence in furnishing any information of this nature to any person whatsoever, has been cited, and it appears that no further communication can be obtained from the telephone company than notification of calls made from DAVENPORTS' telephones, which are being furnished by Mr. Mason.

Mr. Maurice Cohen who resides across the street from the DAVENPORT residence and who is the informant previously contacted by Special Agent Melvin while that Agent was assigned to this office, has been confined in a hospital, and interviews have been had with his wife who stated that she has noticed no



unusual activity at the DAVENPORT residence, and has agreed to keep this place under observation.

The residence of DAVENPORT, 4108 Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a bungalow situated in a residential district. Most of the homes thereabout are owned by the occupants. There are two apartment buildings on Chicago Avenue in the rear of the Davenport residence where it may be possible to obtain quarters from which to operate a telephone tap on the telephone of the Davenports, should this be desirable.

DAVENPORT operates the Third Street Buffet at 301 Hennepin Avenue in the downtown section of Minneapolis, which consists of a saloon and restaurant adjoining, on the first floor of a third rate hotel building. The telephone in this saloon is semi-public, in other words a pay station, the charges for which are paid by the various users, and if a deficit exists it is made up by the subscribers.

DAVENPORT also owns one-half interest in JACK DOYLE'S Smoke Shop, 413 Hennepin Avenue, where a hand book is operated; also has an interest in the Hollywood Club which is now closed; also has part of the Coconut Grove, a second floor night club 5th and Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It will be recalled that DAVENPORT robbed a bank in Milwaukee with WICKER HANSON who is now bodyguard of Charlie Ward who has been active in politics in Minnesota. He has enjoyed the friendship of various law enforcement officials in Minneapolis in the past, but more recently because of police shake-ups in the Twin Cities, the murder of Walter Liggett, and other crimes which have caused various grand jury investigations, he has not maintained the open contacts he has in the past, and it is doubtful that a telephone tap on his telephone would be productive of any information of value at this time, particularly in view of the publicity given to telephone taps maintained during investigation of various police officers and their contacts with the underworld.

This is borne out in part by the manner in which FITZGERALD communicated with DAVENPORT by addressing a letter to DAVENPORT'S wife under a fictitious name, care of General Delivery, instead of communicating directly with him. This, coupled with the fact that the utmost discretion is desired in covering means



of communication with the DAVENPORTS, that nothing be done to cause them to communicate with FITZGERALD, leads to the suggestion that Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, advise as to his instructions as to whether telephone taps should be installed on the telephones of JACK DAVENPORT.

In report of Special Agent S. K. McKee referred to above, there is set forth a list of alleged contacts of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, a number of whom are located in the Twin Cities.

THOMAS BANKS, who is referred to as a possible suspect, may be found at the West Hotel, Minneapolis. He is with the Peoria Liquor Company which is a wholesale outfit operating a small distillery in Peoria, Illinois. He operates liquor stores in downtown Minneapolis. BANKS owned the Admiral Hotel with JACK PFEIFFER in 1931 at which hotel various members of the KEATING-HOLDEN gang resided, but he disposed of his interest in this hotel several years ago, and his alleged connection with the KARPIS-BARKER gang is not apparent.

THOMAS BROWN, who is in charge of the Auto Theft Bureau of the St. Paul Police Department, was placed in charge of the Kidnap Squad of that Department while Thomas Dahill was Chief of Police. Since the BREMER kidnaping Dahill has come to the conclusion that BROWN had maintained contact with the KARPIS-BARKER gang while ostensibly working on the kidnaping. In fact the belief that BROWN had been impelled to do this, at least in part, by reason of his desire to embarrass Dahill who was then Chief, has become an obsession with Dahill, who has spent much of his time in an endeavor to procure information from police officers whom he believes he can trust, which would lead to the prosecution of BROWN.

While it is generally rumored in St. Paul that BROWN is a crooked police officer, should he have participated in either the ~~Hamra~~ of Bremer kidnapings through furnishing information to the perpetrators as to the police activity, he has apparently been smart enough to deal only through HARRY SAWYER, as neither Dahill nor anyone else has been able to furnish any concrete evidence of these rumors.

It was noted during the recent police investigation at St. Paul involving a number of police officers who were in

contact with various gamblers, that BROWN'S name was conspicuously absent, and Agent was confidentially advised by Mr. Jack McKay, Associated Press representative, that BROWN was associated with Commissioner Warren and Mr. Kahn of the Daily News, and knew that the investigation was in progress.

ALICE CONRAD of 601 South 9th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was employed by Dr. Henry Hall who testified in behalf of the Government in the recent trial, in her capacity as a practical nurse for GLADYS SAWYER. Since removal of SAWYER to the Leavenworth Penitentiary, GLADYS SAWYER went to Omaha, Nebraska to stay with SAWYER'S brother, and it would not appear that information could be gained from Miss Conrad at this time. However, arrangements will be made with Dr. Hall to obtain such information as may be desired in the future from ALICE CONRAD.

With reference to JACK DeCOURCEY, Attorney at Law, St. Paul, it is believed that more information can be gained by direct contact with DeCOURCEY than through other parties with reference to his activities. His ability as an Attorney is somewhat questionable and did he not have an independent income would probably starve to death. He may usually be found at the Lowry Bar in a semi-intoxicated state, and there discourses at length concerning matters which ordinarily would be considered privileged communications between attorney and client. The usual contacts with Mr. DeCourcey will be maintained.

MRS. HELEN DELANEY, mother of DOLORES DELANEY, informed Agent on the way to the County Jail prior to interview with her daughter, that she did not desire Dolores to know that she would furnish any information to the Government, and requested that no discussion be entered into concerning interviews had with her during the time Dolores was with KARPIS. It may be that the letters written by her to Dolores at Milan, indicating that she would not approve of her daughter doing anything which might result in the capture of KARPIS, may have been written to assure her daughter that she was not furnishing any information, should any suspicion be aroused in the mind of her daughter. As it now appears that Dolores has herself furnished information in this regard, and that in all probability Dolores will not be paroled while KARPIS is a fugitive, further interview will be had with Mrs. Delaney to enlist her cooperation in procuring information from the Karpovitz family.

LARRY DuVOL referred to in Agent McKee's report, is now in the Minnesota Asylum for the Criminal Insane at St. Peter, Minnesota.

TOM FILBEN resides at the St. Francis Hotel in St. Paul. It was his brother James who was killed in an automobile accident in January, 1936. FILBEN formerly operated the Federal Acceptance Company, an automobile finance concern which is now out of business. He was also engaged in operating slot machines in Ramsey County, but the operation of such machines has been discontinued, though he is alleged to be operating slot machines in South Dakota. GLADYS MERKINS, referred to as his paramour, is in fact GLADYS MERGENS, wife of RAY I. MERGENS, a painter, and resides with her husband at 1668 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, Apartment 2. She has an interest in the Mer-Sha Candy Store, 23 West 7th Street, which is in the St. Francis Hotel Building.

FILBEN is not on overly friendly terms with JACK PFEIFFER and JACK DAVENPORT of Minneapolis, and as FILBEN banks at the Commercial State Bank, and is well known to EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, an interview with Filben will be arranged through Bremer, when Bremer returns from New York next week through which it is hoped some further information concerning the activities of PFEIFFER and DAVENPORT might be obtained. FILBEN'S connection with previous investigation made by this office is as to the purchase of automobiles by the Dillinger mob through the Federal Finance Company, and it does not appear that he has been associated with the KARPIS-BARKER gang other than HARRY SAWYER.

Interview with BESSIE SKINNER GREEN now Mrs. J. L. Garrett, has recently been reported.

Surveillance of EDDIE JAMES was maintained for several months upon information furnished by BESSIE GREEN to the effect that JAMES had taken care of repair work on the cars of the KARPIS-BARKER gang when they were operating in and out of St. Paul, but no information was ever obtained to verify this.

OPAL MILLIGAN, St. Paul prostitute, concerning whom it is stated that general information possibly as to KARPIS can be secured, separated from her husband, became acquainted with,

and lived with PAT REILLY for about six weeks prior to the time she notified this office as to REILLY'S whereabouts. Her present whereabouts is not known. However, effort will be made to locate her and secure such information as she may possibly have concerning the KARPIS-BARKER mob.

Investigation concerning the activities of JACK PFEIFFER will be set forth in a separate report.

MRS. HELEN "BABE" REILLY, daughter of Mrs. Helen Delaney, and wife of PAT REILLY, is a common prostitute. She has been interviewed by Agents of this office but no information whatsoever has ever been obtained from her. Her mother has requested that interviews with Mrs. Delaney be conducted out of the presence of "BABE" REILLY. Arrangements will be made to receive advice concerning her activities while in St. Paul.

The Republic Finance Company which was operated by LEON GLECKMAN at 414 University Avenue, has been out of business since the conviction of Gleckman of an income tax violation.

FRISCO DUTCH STEINHARDT is an old Chicago pickpocket, is alleged to have murdered a man in Chicago in 1927 and come to the Twin Cities where he engaged in muscling beer and was later a bouncer at the Plantation Inn at White Bear Lake. He has not been seen in the Twin Cities for the past two years. The Boulevards of Paris, which it is reported he is alleged to have operated, was a night club located on Snelling and University Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, operated by Bob Hamilton, an associate of JACK PFEIFFER and JACK DOYLE, and in 1934 it became the Vanity Fair, degenerated into a ten cent joint, and is now out of business. So far as is known STEINHARDT had no connection with the operation of this establishment.

It is not known how he would have any connection with the KARPIS-BARKER gang unless it would be that he met the BARKERS while they were residing at White Bear Lake in 1933 and frequented the Plantation, at which time FRISCO DUTCH was employed there as a bouncer.

HERBERT WILDS worked in a garage at the foot of Cathedral Hill in St. Paul about two years ago, which garage was



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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your report of February 5, 1936, setting out the results of investigation conducted by your office in connection with information furnished by one Virgil Stewart to the effect that Grady McMurtrey had been visited by Campbell and Karpis on two or three occasions in the past month.

In this connection your attention is called to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated August 28, 1934. On page 8 of this report there is set out an interview had with Grady McMurtrey at the Tulsa Police Department, at which time McMurtrey admitted being acquainted with members of the Karpis Barker gang, and provided information indicating that Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma was a probable contact for the gang. The above report indicated that McMurtrey had agreed to become a confidential informant of the Bureau. At that time McMurtrey indicated that his address was in care of his father George P. McMurtrey, located one mile west of West Tulsa, Oklahoma on the Midco Road.

In view of the above information, it is possible that Campbell is in touch with McMurtrey, and it is suggested that a discreet investigation be made at the above address to ascertain whether McMurtrey is presently residing there, and whether he is in communication with Campbell.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
February 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto two copies each of the logs covering the surveillance from the Greystone and Victoria Apartments on C. J. Fitzgerald and Imogene Robertson, which logs cover the dates from February 4 to February 6, 1936 inclusive.

Three copies of each of these logs are being attached to the Bureau copy of this letter and one copy of each for the St. Paul and Cincinnati Offices.

As you were advised by teletypewriter message on February 2, 1936, Fitzgerald and party consisting of Haley, Archer, a Mrs. Holmes of Abilene, Texas and a unknown woman departed from Los Angeles on that date for Carlsbad, New Mexico. Since Fitzgerald left Los Angeles the surveillance on the telephones of Fitzgerald and the Robertson woman have been continued but nothing of importance has occurred. As you were also advised, the surveillance of these parties was conducted by Special Agents F. E. Wright, J. B. Bugas, J. J. McGuire and A. B. Leckie. These agents will remain either at Carlsbad, New Mexico or at El Paso, Texas and will continue the surveillance in cooperation with the El Paso Office, while Fitzgerald and his party are in that vicinity.

After the departure of Fitzgerald, his apartment was again searched and nothing of importance was noted in addition to that which has previously been reported except that a snapshot of Fitzgerald was secured from the desk in his apartment and copies of the same have been made, the original being returned to his apartment. There are attached hereto two copies of this photograph and two copies are going forward to the Bureau as well as one copy each for the St. Paul and Cincinnati offices. Additional copies and the negative are being retained in the files of this office.

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Very truly yours,  
J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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LOG COVERING SURVEILLANCE OF CHARLES J. FITZGERALD AND IMOGENE ROBERTSON FROM  
GREYSTONE APARTMENTS, FEBRUARY 4TH TO FEBRUARY 6TH, 1936 INCLUSIVE.

2-4-36

Special Agents Osborne and Wright on duty.

Quiet all morning.

12:00 N. Leckie relayed conversation between Jean and Shafer. See Leckie's log.

1:30 PM Jean called [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called office re this conversation.

2:15 PM Foster out of Benjamin Franklin and in Victoria. [REDACTED]

2:25 PM [REDACTED]

3:06 PM Foster returns to Benjamin Franklin.

3:20 PM Jean left Victoria in Chevrolet and picked Foster up at the Benjamin Franklin. They then proceeded to the garage located on the corner of 5th (West) and El Herrano and then returned to the Victoria at 3:43 PM.

5:10 PM Jean [REDACTED]

5:14 PM Jean off alone in Chevrolet. Foster returned to the Benjamin Franklin. Jean and Foster seem to be on better terms as Foster tapped her on the rump with his cane as they parted in front of the Victoria.

6:05 PM [REDACTED]

6:15 PM Jean and "Mom" return to Victoria. Jean put car in the garage.

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8:15 PM Special Agent McGuire in.

9:25 PM Whitson reports that Foster has at least one Brown Skin girl in his room.

10:00 PM Wright out to see Mrs. Woods regarding Archer. No information obtained as to identity of this party.

12:00 M. No activity. Osborne out - Bugas in.

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6:00 AM Agents McGuire, Bugas, Leckie and Wright up.

9:00 AM Special Agent Osborne on.

9:30 AM Called office.

9:45 AM Wright out to speak to Mrs. McKay in Victoria regarding rumor of Federal Cars in block. She stated a tenant of hers, entirely reliable, had been attempting to obtain alimony from her ex-husband and thought private detectives were following her; that Government or Federal cars were not mentioned. Called Office regarding this matter. b7c

[REDACTED]  
Halley drove out of Ben's area Franklin in his Pontiac.

10:30 AM Whitson called that Halley called Kimball 1800 and Garfield 4859, but that he could not hear the conversation.

12:00 M. Whitson advised that Halley called Foster [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Whitson stated that he had advised the office.

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1:00 PM Agents Wright and Osborne on duty.

Whitson called and advised that Foster called

This information relayed to the office.  
Whitson 1411 is the telephone number of the Savoy Hotel, 6th and  
Grand Avenue.

2:35 PM Foster left the Benjamin Franklin by means of taxi and went to the  
Savoy Hotel.

5:15 PM Foster left the Savoy Hotel in a taxi and returned to the Benjamin  
Franklin. Quiet all evening. Osborne out at 11:45 PM.

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6:00 AM Agents Wright, Bugas and McGuire on duty.

9:15 AM Osborne on.

10:55 AM Foster and Haley loaded baggage into car. This car is either an Olds-  
mobile or Pontiac, late model (1936), Texas license plates Y 28-356,  
blue-grey in color, trunk on back, built into the body, V windshield.

11:05 AM Above car left with Haley, Foster and at least one woman. Whitson ad-  
vised that there were two women in the car when it left. Agents  
left in Government cars to continue surveillance of Foster.



LOG COVERING SURVEILLANCE OF CHARLES J. FITZGERALD AND IMOGENE ROBERTSON FROM  
VICTORIA APARTMENTS, FEBRUARY 4TH TO FEBRUARY 6, 1934 INCLUSIVE

2-4-34

7:00 AM Special Agent A. B. Leckie in and on duty.

7:45 AM Time signal dialed.

9:00 AM Radio test.

10:00 AM Radio test.

10:20 AM Shafer called Jean -

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10:30 AM Radioed - no answer.

10:40 AM Radioed - No answer. b7c

11:08 AM Foster called Jean [REDACTED]

11:10 AM Leckie goes to Graystone to see about radio, apparently out of order. Will try to fix after call at 12:00 Noon. The Graystone Apartment is being cleaned at present time and no signals are being given.

12:10 PM Apparently radio still out of shape. Wright could not hear even with ear phones - Meroney to go to Graystone to see about radio.

12:18 PM Radio working O. K. now. Wright answered.

12:33 PM Radio test - O. K.

1:15 PM Jean called Libby - [REDACTED]

1:22 PM Radioed to Graystone - O. K.

1:43 PM Jean called her mother at her business. [REDACTED]

1:45 PM Jean called Catherine at Douglas 8167 - Glendale. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
1:50 PM Jean called Foster - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2:00 PM Radioed to Graystone - O. K.

2:15 PM Foster leaves the Benjamin Franklin and enters Victoria.

2:16 PM Jean called Curtis Nick (husband of Mickey) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2:18 PM Radioed to Graystone - O. K.

3:05 PM Foster leaves Victoria and enters Benjamin Franklin.

3:06 PM Radioed Graystone - O. K.

3:15 PM Jean leaves Victoria in car, stops in front of Benjamin Franklin and waits for Foster.

3:17 PM Jean and Foster leave Benjamin Franklin in Chevrolet coupe. Agents Wright and Osborne following.

3:45 PM Foster and Jean return - both at Victoria.

3:50 PM Radioed to Graystone - O. K.

4:05 PM Mildred called Jean. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

4:15 PM Jean called Schwabs Pharmacy and ordered a case of beer, carton of Lucky Strikes and a carton of Camel cigarettes. Also 2/5 of gin - Hyram Walker.

4:18 PM Radioed Graystone - O. K.



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5:00 PM Jean called her mother again. [REDACTED]

5:05 PM Radioed to Graystone - O. K.

5:10 PM Jean leaves for town in her car - Foster leaves Victoria and enters Benjamin Franklin.

5:11 PM Radioed to Graystone - O. K.

5:04 PM Incoming call - no answer.

5:15 PM Jean and mother return from town.

6:15 PM Radio to Graystone - O. K.

6:50 PM Catherine called Jean [REDACTED]

6:52 PM Radioed to Graystone - O. K.

7:00 PM Special Agent G. A. Maroney on duty.

7:45 PM Incoming call to Jean - [REDACTED]

7:50 PM Radioed Graystone.

8:35 PM Foster and Jean left Victoria and entered Benjamin Franklin, (radioed Graystone)

10:00 PM Radioed Graystone - O. K.

11:00 PM Radioed Graystone - O. K.

12:00 M. Radioed Graystone - O. K.

NOTE:

It was probably not Jean that went into the Benjamin Franklin with Foster as she never returned. Whoever it was that went in the apartment with Foster probably happened to be going in at the same time.

Meroney.

Special Agent A. B. Leckie on duty. 3-5-36

8:40 AM Jean left with mother.

9:00 AM Radio test - O. K.

9:05 AM Jean returns from town.

9:40 AM Jean called her mother

9:45 AM Jean called Libby -

9:55 AM Jean called "Willie"

10:00 AM Jean called Curtis Nick

10:04 AM Jean called Foster



10:05 AM Radioed all of the above to Graystone - O. K.

10:20 AM Jean leaves for the mountains.

10:21 AM Radioed to Graystone.

11:20 AM Radio test - O. K.

12:30 PM Radioed Haley's license number to Graystone - Pontiac Sedan, copper color, California 1934 license number 2N 97 15.

1:30 PM Test radio - O. K.

2:10 PM Test radio - O. K.

2:45 PM Test radio - O. K.

3:30 PM Radio test - Wright and Osborne on Foster's tail.

4:30 PM Still on tail.

6:25 PM Foster returns in cab - Osborne and Wright back to Graystone.

6:30 PM Radio test - O. K.

7:00 PM Special Agent G. A. Meroney on duty.

8:15 PM Radio test - O. K.

9:20 PM Radio test - O. K.

10:15 PM Radio test - O. K.

11:05 PM Radio test - O. K.

12:00 M. Radio test - O. K.

Special Agent A. B. Leckie on duty. 2-5-36

7:00 AM Leckie on duty.

7:35 AM Mrs. Robertson dials for time signal.

7:41<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> AM Time signal dialed again.

8:30 AM Radio test - O. K.

9:40 AM Radio test - O. K.

10:15 AM Radio test - O. K.

12:00 N. Special Agent C. A. Meroney on duty.

12:11 PM Time signal dialed.





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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-14-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-10, 11, 12-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. THORNTON MGR</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218 JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1236 et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L. FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Investigations at Westerville, Galena and Quaker City, Ohio, concerning various George Bentons indicate that these persons have lived in these communities for considerable lengths of time and are not similar in appearance to Harry Campbell. Investigation at Fredericktown, Ohio, reflects that Mr. and Mrs. Howard Emerson lived temporarily with Mr. E. M. Rowley, a brother-in-law of Howard Emerson and then lived at the Kirby Hotel until about November 20, 1935, when they left supposedly to go to Toledo, Ohio.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 10-28-35 and 12-16-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT COLUMBUS, OHIO</u></p> <p>Mr. Burton, Clerk in the Westerville, Ohio Post Office advised agent that he had gone to school with George H. Benton, who is the owner of the 1929 DeSoto and that he has known him for over thirty years and that during that time he has always lived at Westerville, Ohio. Mr. Burton stated that the photo of Harry Campbell which agent exhibited to him did not resemble in any way the Mr. Benton who lives at Westerville, Ohio.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>E. J. Connelley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7 576 - 9543</b> <b>FEB 18 1936</b> <b>FEB 19 1936</b> <b>17 AM</b> <b>JNR</b>	
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AT GALENA, OHIO

R. E. Fissell, Postmaster at Galena, Ohio, advised that the George Benton who formerly lived on R.R. #1, Galena, Ohio, had moved to Westerville, Ohio, and that he, Mr. Fissell, had answered an inquiry sent out by the Cleveland Office advising them of this fact. Mr. Fissell advised that he has been in the town of Galena for about 10 years and that while he did not know this George Benton exceptionally well he did know that he was married and had lived in the vicinity for several years and that his people had also lived around there for many years. He stated that Mr. Benton was tall, about 6' and was quite slim and appeared to be about 30 years old.

Agent exhibited a photo of Harry Campbell as well as photos of other persons and Mr. Fissell stated that Harry Campbell's photo was not similar to the Mr. Benton he knows.

AT QUAKER CITY, OHIO

Postmaster C. S. Hendershot, Quaker City, Ohio, advised that he had received an inquiry concerning any registered mail that George Benton might receive and stated that he had watched the mail, but that Benton had moved to Flushing, Ohio, about a month ago and left a forwarding address to that town and that no registered mail had been received for him. Mr. Hendershot advised that he did not personally know this George Benton and agent arranged to contact Harold Smith, the postal carrier on this route. Mr. Smith stated that he had seen George Benton on many occasions and described him as being about 45 years old, married, three children and quite tall. He estimated that he is about 5'10-11" tall and weighs about 175 pounds. Agent exhibited a photo of Harry Campbell to Mr. Smith as well as other photos and Mr. Smith advised that none of the photos exhibited resembled this George Benton.

AT FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO

Agent contacted W. C. Foote, Postmaster at Fredericktown, Ohio, who advised that E. M. Rowley operates a filling station in Fredericktown, Ohio, located on Route #13 as one enters the town from Mount Vernon, Ohio. He advised that Rowley is formerly from Mount Vernon, Ohio, and bears a good reputation. Mr. Foote stated that he did not know either Mr. or Mrs. Howard Emerson, but arranged that agent contact one of his assistants named Ross Postal.

Ross Postal advised that he recalls both Mr. and Mrs. Howard Emerson and stated that they lived with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rowley and stated that Mrs. Rowley was an Emerson girl before her marriage and is a sister of Howard Emerson. He advised that the Emersons lived with the Rowleys for a short time and then lived at the Kirby hotel in Fredericktown, Ohio. He also advised that he had eaten

lunch with Howard Emerson on various occasions at the Kirby Hotel and that Howard Emerson had given him to believe that he was only recently married and that his wife formerly worked in a night club at Toledo or Cleveland, Ohio. (Mr. Postal could not recall which place). Emerson also told him that he had worked for the Chevrolet people at Toledo, Ohio, and had earned 80¢ an hour for his work. Mr. Postal advised that Emerson did not have a car and that when he was leaving Fredericktown, Ohio, that he came into the post office to mail a package to Toledo, Ohio, and that he did not have a return address on it and that he, Mr. Postal insisted that he put one there and that Emerson then put the name of the Kirby Hotel as a return address. Mr. Postal stated that Emerson was tall, about 6', and weighed about 165 to 170 pounds and had very light sandy hair and blue eyes. No record was made of the address in Toledo to which the package was sent. The Emersons did not send or receive any registered mail through the Post Office at Fredericktown, Ohio.

Mr. J. G. Kirby, owner of the Kirby Hotel and restaurant, Fredericktown, Ohio, informed agent that Emerson and his wife lived at the hotel for about one month and left for Toledo, Ohio, about Thanksgiving time of 1935. He advised that they lived quietly and paid their bills promptly. He was unable to recall the name of Emerson's wife and stated that he did not believe that he ever heard Emerson call her anything except some endearing term such as "honey" or "dear". Kirby talked quite freely and informed agent that he sometimes thought that they were not married. He advised that Mrs. Emerson did not mix much with people and did not seem to know anyone in town except the Rowleys, who came after them on occasions and that most of the time she stayed in her room and slept and yet never did any of the cleaning of the room herself.

Mrs. J. G. Kirby advised agent that she cleaned the room of the Emersons all of the time that they were at the hotel and advised that they never locked any of their belongings and the grips and valises were always open and unlocked even when they were both away from the hotel. Mrs. Kirby advised that sometimes Mrs. Rowley would come for Mrs. Emerson and take her to Mount Gilead, Ohio, as Emerson's family lived there and they had some sickness in the family at Mount Gilead for a while. Mrs. Kirby advised that Mrs. Emerson was a blond and quite small and slight, stating that she was about 5'3" tall and would not weigh over 115#. She advised that Emerson was rather tall but did not think that he was 6' tall, as did Mr. Postal when he described him. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby do not keep any register of guests and could not supply the dates that the Emersons were at the hotel. They both stated that they believed that the Emersons intended going to Toledo, Ohio, when they left, but that they did not leave a forwarding address and had never written any letters or cards back.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. C. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated January 13, 1936, wherein the information is contained that on November 1, 1935, a telephone call was made from the telephone listed in the name of J. B. Davenport, 4103 Columbus Avenue, to Cicero, Illinois, telephone number Cicero 4596.

This telephone is listed in the name of Mrs. W. Heeny, 1538 South Austin Boulevard, Cicero, Illinois. As you know, Mrs. William Heeny is reported to be the sister of Mrs. J. B. Davenport.

Further information was contained in the report of Agent Brennan that on November 5, 1935, a telephone call was made to Cicero, Illinois, telephone Nevada 5563.

This telephone number is an unpublished telephone listed to Mrs. Lucille Ronan, 3848 Wilcox Street, Chicago, Illinois, and as you will note is not a Cicero telephone number. Investigation has failed to reveal a Mrs. Lucille Ronan living at the above stated address. The following named persons are known to receive mail at this address: Mrs. L. Conroy and Mrs. L. Kirsh. It is believed by the postal carrier that Mrs. L. Conroy and Mrs. L. Kirsh are one and the same person. Also at this address are Mrs. Helen Marks and Mr. and Mrs. John Archidiacio. Mr. and Mrs. Archidiacio are the owners of this house and are not believed to have any connection with this investigation, inasmuch as the telephone listed is stationed on the second floor at 3848 Wilcox Street, occupied by the persons previously mentioned.

The investigation concerning the individuals residing at this address is being continued, and the information is being furnished to your office with the request that you promptly advise the

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Chicago Bureau Office in the event you should obtain information concerning these individuals during the course of your investigation of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davenport.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Bureau  
Jacksonville



P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
February 11, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Sir: FEB 19 1936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In connection with the efforts to locate Elmer Head in connection with the above entitled case, this is to advise that an informant of this office has said that one Helen Kirsh, alias Helen Sykes, is an acquaintance of Head's; further that she is a contact for confidence men in Chicago. The informant stated that Helen Kirsh's sister is Lou Kirsh, who owns a saloon at 2134 South Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. The telephone number of the saloon is Victor 5800. Lou Kirsh's residence telephone number is Rockwell 0622.

This same informant has advised that one Sammy Laff of St. Paul, Minnesota, is also a contact for the confidence men and that they frequently receive mail through him. The informant states that Laff is now supposed to operate the City Hall Tailor Shop, located on Fourth Street in the vicinity of the City and County Building in St. Paul. It is my recollection that Sammy Laff formerly operated a tailor shop on Cedar Street in St. Paul, between Third and Fourth Streets, either adjacent to the present St. Paul Athletic Club or the shop was operated in a building that was subsequently demolished when the athletic club was erected in St. Paul. I also recall that this Sammy Laff was arrested, during the prohibition days, on a charge of violating the National Prohibition Act. I recall these latter incidents because I believe that this Sammy Laff is a brother of Oscar Laff, who formerly operated the Lion Printing Co., located at about 243 West Fourth Street, which is now known as Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul. Oscar Laff, who you will note spells his name differently from his brother Sammy Laff, is a former acquaintance of mine but in my opinion cannot be trusted and should not be contacted.

The same informant also advised that Bill Eldersandt, alias "Stuttering Bill" Fisher, who operates a handbook in the St. Francis Hotel, and who is also a contact for the confidence men, knows Head.

The above is being furnished to you in order that appropriate inquiry can be conducted in Chicago in connection with the Kirsh woman. Two copies of this letter are being sent to the St. Paul Office in order

E. J. Connelley

2-11-36

that they can determine if Mead is in contact with either of the people mentioned above, in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

J. H. RANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
cc St. Paul (2)  
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Post Office Box 612  
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 27, 1935, sets forth certain information obtained from Captain Daniel A. Gilbert, State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, concerning one Jimmy Dicker, who according to an informant of Captain Gilbert's was disposing of bonds and bills for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. The investigation by your office disclosed an individual by the name of James Dickerson, a bootlegger.

The photograph of James Dickerson was furnished to Captain Gilbert to be exhibited to his informant, whose name he would not reveal to Agents of this office. Captain Gilbert has now advised that James Dickerson is not identical with the Jimmy Dicker previously referred to by Captain Gilbert's informant.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California  
February 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Re: BREYD - L.A. File 7-42

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent E. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 8, 1936, in connection with subject Alvin Karpis.

You will note on page 50 of this report that reference is made to Joe Saltis of Hayward, Wisconsin, and concerning whom it has been said that Karpis may be using Saltis' place as a hide-out.

For your information, when I was in St. Paul, Minnesota, recently in connection with the Brekid trial, I was informed by my brother, Helmer E. Hanson, who is employed by the Fairbanks-Morse Company in St. Paul, that he had recently made a trip to Hayward, Wisconsin, at which time, as I recall, he either spent the night, or had dinner at a hotel in Hayward that is operated by Joe Saltis. My brother mentioned that there is some talk in Hayward about Saltis' connection with Capone. He also stated that a cousin of mine, Algot Hanson, is a forest ranger stationed in Hayward, and that this cousin seems to know something about Saltis and about other hoodlums who are residing in northern Wisconsin. I personally have not seen this cousin for fifteen or twenty years, but according to my brother he is a clean, intelligent and honest young man. I do not know if he is employed by the Federal Government or by the State of Wisconsin, but it occurs to me that if you are to conduct any investigation in Hayward, you might be desirous of securing the name of an informant, and for this reason I suggest this cousin, Algot Hanson.

I might also say that this cousin's father, W. Martin Hanson, is a rural mail carrier in the general vicinity of Hayward. I believe that he lives at Winter, Wisconsin. He also might be of assistance, as I recall that some of the members of my family, after having made trips up into Wisconsin, have mentioned that the relatives up there talked about Chicago hoodlums being in that vicinity.

If you should deem it advisable to contact the people mentioned above, you might mention the name of my brother, since he contacted them recently, and they may not even remember me any more.

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Very truly yours,

7-576-9548

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CC Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI CHICAGO

FEBRUARY 14, 1935

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LJM

DIRECTOR

PHONE. UNKNSUBJECTS, SAINT CHARLES NATIONAL BANK, SAINT CHARLES  
ILLINOIS, BR. PHILIP DIMENZA ALIAS PHIL PASARO ARRESTED TODAY AT  
EIGHTEEN FOUR THREE LAFLIN STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS BY AGENTS THIS  
OFFICE AND OFFICERS CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT. PRESENTLY BEING  
DETAINED CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE. ADMITS PARTICIPATION IN INSTANT  
BANK ROBBERY AND NAMES AS HIS ASSOCIATES IN THIS JOB FRED HANSON ALIAS  
JACK THOMPSON, CHICAGO PD NUMBER EIGHT SEVENTHREE EIGHT NINE,  
DRIVER OF GETAWAY CAR, WHO CARRIED SHOTGUN AND STOOD INSIDE BANK WITH  
DIMENZA, TAKING EMPLOYEES INTO CUSTODY AS THEY ARRIVED. JOHN SULLIVAN  
ALIAS JIGGS. SULLIVAN COMPELLED ASSISTANT CASHIER TO OPEN THE VAULT.  
LEO FRIEDMAN ALIAS SNEEZE, WHO TIED AND GAGGED THE EMPLOYEES  
OF THE BANK. HANSON EXCONVICT FROM JOLIET, ILLINOIS AND RESIDENT OF  
SAINT CHARLES, PLANNED ROBBERY AND SECURED DUPLICATE KEYS TO BANK FROM  
JOHN GORDON, MERCHANTS POLICE OFFICER, SAINT CHARLES. ROBBERS GAINED  
ACCESS THROUGH USE OF THESE KEYS ABOUT MIDNIGHT, JANUARY THIRTIETH,  
STAYING IN BANK ALL NIGHT UNTIL ARRIVAL OF EMPLOYEES AND GORDON TO  
RECEIVE TEN PERCENT OF CUT, AND FLORIST, WHO IS A VIGILANTE, IN SAINT  
CHARLES, NAME UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, FURNISHED HANSON AND DIMENZA WITH  
ALL INFORMATION ON TIME OF OPENING OF VAULT, ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES

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AND ALARM SYSTEM, FLORIST TO RECEIVE FIVE PERCENT OF PROCEEDS. AGENTS AND POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PLANTED IN RESIDENCE OF DIMENZA SINCE NOON, FEBRUARY TWELFTH, AND WILL BE LEFT THERE TO APPREHEND ANY PERSONS CALLING AT DIMENZAS HOME. ARREST OF DIMENZA KNOWN ONLY TO THIS OFFICE AND DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO CASE FROM CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DIMENZA ALSO ADVISES THAT FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY OF HAMILTON STATE BANK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - BRUNO AUSTIN, MARTY QUIRK, DAVY ZINNSINBERG, EUGENE BELMONTI, WHO WAS RECENTLY KILLED CHICAGO, AND LEO FRIEDMAN, ALSO A SUBJECT IN INSTANT CASE.

DIMENZA ALSO ADVISES THAT FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY OF UNIVERSITY STATE BANK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX - VITO SPECIALL, JAMES RUSSO, MIKE DETENTE, VITO POLATIERO, JOE LEOPOLDO, AND INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS POPEYE AND AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS POTATOES.

WITH RESPECT TO ST CHARLES NATIONAL BANK ROBBERY, DIMENZA ADVISES ALL PARTICIPANTS WORE GLOVES BUT THAT HANSON MADE THE GAGS AND HANDLED THE PAPER USED IN MAKING SAME AND IT IS SUGGESTED IF HIS PRINTS LOCATED IN

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BUREAU FILE THAT THEY BE COMPARED ANY LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED FROM THIS PAPER.

DIMENZA STATES THAT HE, FRIEDMAN AND HANSON CARED A CONTEMPLATED  
PAYROLL ROBBERY AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS, MORNING OF FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH,  
NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, WHICH ROBBERY IS EXPECTED TO YIELD THE GANG  
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, THAT THIS JOB HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR A  
YEAR AND A HALF BY ALVIN KARPIS BUT DUE TO INABILITY TO LOCATE  
APPROPRIATE HIDEOUT FOLLOWING ROBBERY HAS NEVER BEEN EXECUTED, THAT  
HE RECEIVED WORD INDIRECTLY FROM KARPIS TO CASE THE JOB TO BE PULLED  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTYFOURTH, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, AND THAT SPOT HAS  
BEEN LOCATED FOR USE AS A HIDEOUT, IN PEORIA, APPROXIMATELY SIX BLOCKS  
FROM THE PEORIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY PLANT, WHERE THE PAYROLL  
ROBBERY IS TO BE PERPETRATED. PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PLANNED ROBBERY ARE  
HANSON, DIMENZA, QUIRK, FRIEDMAN, KARPIS AND ONE OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO  
BE BROUGHT BY KARPIS. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CHICAGO FOR  
PURPOSE APPREHENDING OTHER PARTICIPANTS NAMED ABOVE. FULL COOPERATION  
BEING EXTENDED BY CHIEF OF DETECTIVES JOHN SULLIVAN AND DIMENZA BEING  
DETAINED CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF NEWSPAPER  
PUBLICITY IN THE EVENT HE WERE TAKEN TO CHICAGO POLICE STATION.

LADD

END OK FBI WASHINGTON DC WCS

February 16, 1936.

Time: 10:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WEYNAP AND BREKID CASES

I called Mr. Connelley at Chicago at this time, and advised him of the Director's instructions, given to me telephonically last night, that he, Mr. Connelley, get in touch with Mr. Spears after reviewing the situation in Chicago and decide which looks the better at the present time, and if necessary go out to Seattle. Mr. Connelley informed me that Mr. Ladd had called him last night regarding the wires from Mr. Spears, informing of the recovery of the \$265. of ransom money.

Mr. Connelley stated in regard to the situation at Chicago; that he didn't know exactly what they had, that he had talked to Mr. Ladd a couple of times, and he thought Mr. Ladd had a few possibilities down at Aurora to check but no definite information as to where subjects actually are. Mr. Connelley further stated that the plane for Seattle doesn't leave Chicago until 8:00 P.M., which will give him time to interview the fellows they have in Chicago and then catch the plane if necessary. I instructed Mr. Connelley to call Mr. Spears in Seattle, to ascertain the details of the situation there, and to advise the Bureau telephonically what he decided to do.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
503a U.S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
February 15, 1936

WAR:os

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 10, 1936, in connection with the recent trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota, wherein Sawyer indicated that third degree methods were used on Tom Philbin.

Tom Philbin was apprehended at his place of business at St. Paul, according to my recollection, on March 31, 1934, by Special Agent in Charge W. Hanni, former Agent O. G. Hall, and myself. His apprehension was in connection with the escape of John Dillinger and not in the Brekid case, and investigation at that time showed that he was instrumental in securing Hudson and Terraplane automobiles for the Dillinger associates. He was brought to the office of Mr. Hanni, where Hanni and I questioned him for several hours. He was kept at the St. Paul office, I believe, for exactly one week, having been apprehended on a Saturday and released the following Saturday.

At no time were any third degree methods used; he was never struck nor was he verbally abused, according to my knowledge, and I am quite sure that if he were abused, even verbally, I would have known of it. He appeared extremely friendly at all times and indicated he was perfectly satisfied to remain in the custody of the Bureau. He was never required to stand or sit in any one position for any length of time and upon his release he appeared to be very friendly to the Bureau and appreciated the kind attention which he received.

I am confident that the only persons who questioned Philbin were Agents Hanni, Hall and myself.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**SAC CONNELLEY**

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PHONE BREKID. [ROBERTSON WOMAN TELEPHONED FITZGERALD AT CARLSBAD THIS EVENING SAYING THAT THE LETTER RECEIVED FOR HIM FROM MINNEAPOLIS ONLY CONTAINED ANOTHER LETTER ADDRESSED TO ARTHUR B. [BROTHERS THREE NAUGHT ONE PENNEPIN AVENUE, CARE OF THIRD STREET BAR MINNEAPOLIS, INSTRUCTING THAT THIS LETTER BE MAILED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF IT, ALSO THAT HE WOULD ANSWER AT ONCE. FITZGERALD INSTRUCTED HER TO HOLD THE LETTER BUT TO WRITE TO ARUTHUR [CHRISTOPHERSON, NO ADDRESS MENTIONED; ADVISING THAT FITZGERALD WAS AWAY ON OIL MATTER AND WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL WEDNESDAY. HE SPECIFICALLY CAUTIONED HER NOT TO MENTION HIS PRESENT LOCATION. IN ANSWER TO HER INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER SHE SHOULD ASK ABOUT SENDING HIM MONEY HE STATED HE WOULD HANDLE THAT ON HIS RETURN HERE.]

**HANSON**

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 14, 1936.

VCZ:J  
7-27

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation  
being conducted by this office, it is requested  
that you cause a cover to be placed upon first class mail  
Shaw and Broadway Hotel,  
that tracings  
received by  
marked for the attention of file 7-27.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau.

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Los Angeles, California  
February 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

Re: BREYER ID - I.A. File 7-42

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McFee, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 8, 1936, pertaining to Alvin Karpis.

It is noted on page 48 of this report that reference is made to DUKE RANDALL of Miami, Florida; furthermore, that it is stated his present employment is unknown.

During a recent trial in the Bremer case at St. Paul, Minnesota, I had an occasion to talk to Joseph H. Adams of Miami, who mentioned that Duke Randall is again in Miami this winter, and that he is again employed by the Missyenne Kennell Club, of which Adams is the general manager.

The above is being forwarded to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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F B I OKLAHOMA CITY FEBRUARY 17, 1936. 11-49 AM VC

DIRECTOR AND CONNELLEY, CLEVELAND.

PHONE. BREKID. YESTERDAY LIEUTENANT EARL GARDNER, TULSA, OKLAHOMA PD,  
INQUIRED OF AGENT KINGMAN IF KINGMAN COULD GET AND SET UP A TELEPHONE TAP  
IN TULSA. GARDNER SAID HE IS POSITIVE CONVERSATION OVER TELEPHONE OF  
BURRHEAD KEADY'S GIRL, NUMBER 4-6848 LOCATED AT 214 1/2 EAST 13TH STREET, TULSA,  
WOULD DEFINITELY REVEAL WHEREABOUTS KARPIS AND CAMPBELL. KINGMAN RENDERED  
GARDNER NO PROMISE OR COMMENT. GARDNER HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN CLOSE CONVERSATION  
WITH POST OFFICE INSPECTOR GEORGE HILL AT TULSA AND WAS HEARD BY KINGMAN  
TELLING HILL THAT POLICE OBSERVED SAM COKER AND BURRHEAD KEADY AT 214 1/2 EAST  
13TH STREET, TULSA, RECENTLY BUT WERE UNABLE ARREST THEM. THIS INDICATES  
POST OFFICE INSPECTORS HAVE ASKED TULSA PD PICK UP COKER AND KEADY.  
GARDNER IS HONEST AND APPEARS COOPERATIVE BUT IS FLIGHTY AND OVER TALKATIVE.  
UNDERSTAND HE DESIRES RUN FOR SHERIFF SOON. AM INCLINED NOT REVEAL INVESTI-  
GATIVE PROCEDURE OF CONFIDENCE TO GARDNER. MATTER OF TELEPHONE TAP IS  
SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU CONSIDERATION.

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CLEVELAND 17 FEB 1936 AH  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FAT:AM

February 17, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, Oklahoma City

Transmit the following message to:

7-576-9554

RECORDED TELEPHONE TAP ON TELEPHONE 46848 MENTIONED YOUR TELETYPE TODAY  
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INSTALLED

NATHAN

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 14, 1936.

D.M. LADD,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

BREKID REFER MY LETTER SEVENTH INSTANT TO SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO CONCERNING  
F. FROST STOP MRS. FRANKIE FOSTER ALIAS FROST TELEPHONED LONG DISTANCE FROM RENO  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
426 U.S. Custom House & P.O. Bldg.,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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February 14, 1936.

C. T. STEIN,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
232 UPTOWN STATION & FEDERAL COURTS,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

BROKID REFER MY LETTER SEVENTH INSTANT TO SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO  
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*Edward J. Brundage*

February 14, 1936.

Time - 6:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Ladd at Chicago, he mentioned his teletype to the Bureau of this date in the case of UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; St. Charles National Bank, St. Charles, Illinois; Bank Robbery, in which information is set forth to the effect that subject Dimenza of this case, who was apprehended, advises that he and some others, among them Alvin Karpis, have contemplated robbing the payroll at Peoria, Illinois on or about February 24, 1936. Mr. Ladd said that he has talked to the Chief Inspector and to Chief Sullivan about this case, and they state that Fred Hanson, one of the participants in this bank robbery, is a known contact of Alvin Karpis, and can put Karpis on the spot if anybody can.

I asked Mr. Ladd what the possibilities were for a release on this matter at this time, and he said that to release this information at this time would ruin the entire situation; that they have a couple of plants on as yet, two of the robbers still being at large, and to release the information would ruin everything. He further said that they are cooperating with and are being given cooperation by the Chicago Police Department in connection with this matter, and if we were to release the information, it would be ruining the chances which the Chicago Police have of getting information from the subjects concerning a number of local cases in which they are suspects.

Mr. Ladd suggested that this situation ought to be discussed with Mr. Connelley, to which I concurred, and Mr. Ladd said that he would get in touch with Mr. Connelley right away.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Drawer V, Plaza Station,  
Saint Louis, Missouri,  
February 15, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer--Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to bureau letter, dated December 19, 1935,  
(Bureau file #7-576), regarding the instant matter.

A review of the St. Louis office file covering this case reveals that the only investigation conducted in the St. Louis district in an effort to locate William Elmer Mead, with aliases, was conducted at Springfield, Ill., where Mead, according to information contained in bureau letter, dated Sept. 5, 1935, had registered at the Empire Hotel. It was indicated in report of Special Agent J. M. Jones, dated at Chicago, Ill., 7-18-35, that Mead was known to salesman L. H. Hart of the Ford Motor Sales Co., Chicago, as C. C. Chase, and had purchased a Lincoln automobile on April 6, 1932, which was registered in Florida, license W-9085, owner Mrs. C. C. Chase, 33 W. Adams St., Jacksonville, Fla., and that this automobile was also registered in Illinois in the year 1933, license number 32864, in the name of Mrs. C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Ill.

Reference to the report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Mo., dated 9-5-35, reveals that investigation was conducted at the Empire Hotel, Springfield, Ill., and that Mead was unknown there by his true name or any of his aliases. It is also observed in the report of Special Agent V. J. Wolfe, St. Louis, Mo., dated 9-20-35 that an investigation was conducted at the Empire Hotel, Springfield, Ill., without results.

The letter of reference indicates that in the year 1933, Martin Wunderlich, of 530 Des Noyer St., St. Paul, Minn., was mulcted out of \$200,000 in a confidence scheme by Mead at St. Louis, Mo.; however, reference to the summary report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Mo., dated 1-20-36, indicates that, although Mr. Wunderlich and one Charles Layton, one of Mead's associates, met at the Hotel Statler in St. Louis, Mo. during March of 1933, they subsequently proceeded to the Hotel Oliver at South Bend, Ind., where they met one Taylor, later identified as William Elmer Mead, and that Wunderlich was actually swindled out of \$200,000 in South Bend, Ind.

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In view of the fact that no investigation other than that indicated in the foregoing has been conducted in the district covered by the St. Louis bureau office, a summary report was not prepared by this office.

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cc All field offices  
SAC Connelley.  
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Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

FAT:RLG

February 15, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: Alvin Karpis, Et Al.

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Foxworth ✓  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

I went over the entire physical setup and potential leads in the Bremer case with Mr. Connelley and it appears that the best sources of information at the present time are in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, although there is no definite indication that Karpis has been there since August, 1935.

A telephone tap is being maintained upon the telephone of Edith Barry, the operator of the house of prostitution

[REDACTED] This tap has recently been installed and has some potential value.

Just prior to coming to Washington, Mr. Connelley interviewed Arthur Heberbrand, a gambler of Cleveland, Ohio, who is contemplating opening a gambling house there, and informed Heberbrand that, unless he furnished us with information concerning Karpis, the operation of his gambling house would be continually brought to the attention of the Cleveland Police in such a manner that it would be impossible for him to operate. Connelley is of the impression that he frightened Heberbrand to such an extent that Heberbrand will cooperate.

Just prior to coming to Washington, Mr. Connelley also interviewed Frank J. Newman, a private detective of Cleveland, Ohio. You will recall when Gladys Sawyer and her women associates were picked up in Cleveland a year ago, investigation also disclosed that Karpis was carrying credentials of a private detective issued by Frank J. Newman. Newman has been informed by Connelley that, unless he furnished us with information concerning Karpis, prosecution will be undertaken against him for harboring Karpis. Connelley is of the opinion that he has frightened Newman and that he will cooperate.

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Upon returning to Cleveland, Mr. Connelley intends calling Bert Angus in for an interview. Bert Angus is the weaker of the Angus brothers who operate the Casino Club, 1000 A. M.

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and it is known that Karpis and his associates have frequented that Club in the past. It appears that Bert Angus has been apprehensive recently of harboring prosecution and Connelley is certain that he can frighten Angus into cooperating with us.

I discussed with Mr. Connelley leads in the Dallas and El Paso districts upon Harry Campbell and I told him that the Bureau would force those offices into giving these leads proper attention but that, in view of the fact that he was in charge of the field investigation in this case, it would be incumbent upon him to likewise follow up these leads.

I inquired of Connelley what had been done recently at Topeka, Kansas with the Grooms woman, who is a sister of Alvin Karpis. Connelley stated that the Kansas City Office has recently been working on this again but that the Topeka Police have been so overly anxious of this contact that they have made it so "hot" as to be almost valueless.

I pointed out to Connelley that investigation in the Pittsburgh district of the many distant relatives of Harry Campbell has not been pushed very vigorously, and he stated that he did not consider these leads of very great value in view of the fact that when Campbell fled from Atlantic City he traversed the district occupied by these relatives without contacting any of them. I stated that, regardless of this fact, I believed a careful check should be made upon these individuals.

Appropriate instructions will be issued to the Dallas, El Paso, Kansas City and Pittsburgh offices by the Bureau and appropriate check maintained to see that these leads are properly followed out.

It may be noted that the Post Office inspectors believe Karpis participated in a recent mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio and, consequently, have been conducting considerable investigation trying to find Karpis. Connelley doubts the accuracy of the identification at Garrettsville but will not take any chances in ignoring this potential source of information.

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Connelley is of the opinion that the surveillance being maintained at Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Agents Buchanan and McCain should be continued indefinitely. In this regard, you will recall that there has been some question as to making these men's headquarters at Tulsa, Oklahoma. In view of the fact that one of the Agents is a married man and the nature of the assignment would not permit a man to take his family to Tulsa, it does not appear that these men should have headquarters at Tulsa.

Connelley believes that Agents Wynn, O'Mahoney, Dowd and Dill should be maintained at Cleveland to cover leads arising there and at Toledo, and that taps be maintained, but sees no objection to making the headquarters of these men at Cleveland. A memorandum is attached hereto instructing the Chief Clerk to change the headquarters of these Agents.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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San Francisco, Calif. Bureau Office  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al. KIDNAPING,  
HARBORING, etc.

Date February 10, 1936

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been  
mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Berkeley, California Police Department No. 3624.		JOHN JOSEPH KENDALL. 3/1/36 696666	Released.

(Prints forwarded  
1/15/36).

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Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
(Official Title)

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#7-33.

(For instructions see reverse side)

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

MILWAUKEE

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Milwaukee, Wisconsin	DATE WHEN MADE 2-12-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-3,4,5-36	REPORT MADE BY T. G. MELVIN TGM: JH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at 756 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., discloses that a tavern is operated at that address by Fred Jordan. A gymnasium is also located at this address. Gambling activities have also been carried on at these premises. Fred Jordan is not known to have any gangster or hoodlum connections out of Milwaukee. Two photographs of John B. Davenport transmitted to the St. Paul Office with copies of this report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office to Milwaukee Office dated 1-24-36; letter from St. Paul Office to Milwaukee Office dated 2-4-36; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Oklahoma City Office dated at Chicago, Ill. 12-27-35; report of Special Agent Albert Franz dated at Milwaukee, Wis. 1-9-36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.</p> <p>The letter from the Chicago Office to the Milwaukee Office dated January 24, 1936, reflects that during the course of investigation at Los Angeles, California relative to Charles J. Fitzgerald a notebook was found containing the address 756 North Plankinton. Reference to the City Directory of Milwaukee, Wisconsin discloses that there is no North Plankinton Street or Avenue in Milwaukee. However, there is a North Plankinton Avenue. The City Directory</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. W. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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further reflects that Fred Jordan operates a tavern at this address.

Agent examined the license application of Fred Jordan at the License Bureau, City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and ascertained that Fred Jordan is the holder of a class "B" intoxicating liquor license for the premises of 756 North Plankinton Avenue. The application reflects that Jordan resides at 1022 North Fifteenth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that he was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 8, 1898, and is married.

Agent interviewed Mr. V. Berger, mail carrier covering 756 North Plankinton Avenue, and ascertained that Joe Krasno or Krasno, Joe Renner, Louis Simon and Sam Katz have received mail at 756 North Plankinton Avenue in addition to Fred Jordan. He advised Agent that he does not recall where mail addressed to these parties originates, but that the amount of mail received by each party is very small; that other letters from time to time are addressed to 756 North Plankinton Avenue, and that he leaves them with the bartenders; that these letters obviously are for patrons of the tavern who do not want their mail to go to their home addresses. Mr. Berger was unable to recall the names of any of the individuals receiving mail at 756 North Plankinton Avenue other than those mentioned above.

 Jordan is 38 years of age, is married, has one child, and that he resides at 1022 North Fifteenth Street, where he pays \$30.00 per month rent. His mother, Mary Jordan, resides at 1435 West Highland Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Agent made inquiry at the Milwaukee Police Department and ascertained that Fred Jordan has been arrested on two occasions for traffic violations but has no other criminal record. Louis Simon, however, on May 17, 1934, was fined \$100 for keeping a gambling house. Joseph Krasno on June 18, 1932, was fined \$100 for keeping a gambling house also, and according to Sergeant Martin Fallon of the Milwaukee Police Department who knows Krasno and Simon well, these individuals both are gamblers and follow dice and card games. Sam Katz also, according to Sergeant Fallon, is a well known gambler, and Joe Renner is the operator of a gymnasium at 756 North Plankinton Avenue.

756 North Plankinton Avenue was observed by Agent and was found to be a four-story building, the first floor being operated as a tavern and the remaining three floors being operated as a gymnasium by Joe Renner, who is also active in managing prize fighters in

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. According to Sergeant Martin Fallon, the second floor of 756 North Plankinton Avenue was used as a gambling den and was operated by Krasno and Simon until they were told to leave by the police. Sergeant Fallon advised Agent that Jordan is not interested in gambling and runs a fairly high class establishment; that Jordan bears a good reputation and is not known to have any gangster or criminal hookups; and that Jordan's tavern, as well as other taverns in that vicinity are checked regularly by the Detective Bureau for suspicious characters, but no one has ever been seen there who would arouse the suspicion of the police.

In accordance with the request contained in the letter from the St. Paul Office to the Milwaukee Office dated February 4, 1936, there are transmitted to the St. Paul Office with copies of this report two photographs of John B. Davenport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department #11946.

In response to the request of this office, Mr. Leo J. Ford, Postmaster, Janesville, Wisconsin, forwarded tracings of mail addressed to Mrs. Bertha Rockenfield, 330 Randall Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin. This office, for information of the Los Angeles Office, the following return addresses are set forth:

A. Ellinger,  
643 West 30th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

W. E. Lampman,  
461 1/2 South 20th Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

1121 1/2 East Broadway,  
Glendale, California.

East Locust Street,  
Cherokee, Iowa.

618 West Sixth Street,  
Sioux City, Iowa.

The mail tracings referred to above are being retained in the Milwaukee Bureau Office file of this case. Unless contrary instructions are received from the Office of Origin, the mail cover on all mail directed to Mrs. Bertha Rockenfield, 330 Randall Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin, will be discontinued.

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SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO, SACS ELPASO AND ST PAUL

PHONE. BREKID. ROBERTSON WOMAN TODAY MAILED LETTER TO ARTHUR CHRISTOPHERSON  
301 HENNEPIN AVENUE, CARE THIRD STREET BAR, MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA. ENVELOPE  
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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. AGENT SULLIVAN PROCEEDED PEORIA TODAY TO CHECK ALLEGED INFORMATION AS TO KARPIS TOGETHER WITH AGENT HOSTETTER OF ST LOUIS OFFICE BASED UPON INTERVIEW OF PRISONERS PICKED UP IN BANK CASE. HE WILL RETURN CHICAGO UPON COMPLETION. AGENT SULLIVAN IS TO APPEAR TAMPA, FLORIDA, GRAND JURY FOR INDICTMENT MYRTLE EATON, FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE ON RETURN TRIP HE WILL PROCEED VIA DALLAS AND RUSK TEXAS IN ORDER TO ARRANGE DETAILED INTERVIEW WITH PAULA HARMON THIS MATTER AND HAMM KIDNAPING MATTER.

MATTERS AT CHICAGO, CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO ARE AS COVERED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY. HAVE ADVISED CLEVELAND, ST PAUL AND OKLAHOMA CITY IN LETTERS TODAY AS TO MORE URGENT AND IMPORTANT MATTERS AND AGENT SURAN WILL FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY VARIOUS OFFICES AS PER MY PRIOR

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DIRECTOR, SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO AND SAC PHOENIX

PHONE. BREKID. <sup>Aug. 3.</sup> FITZGERALD PARTY ARRIVED LOS ANGELES THREE PM,  
NOW AT HIS RESIDENCE HERE. NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. AGENT  
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Edward J. Bremer



February 16, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AGENTS AND CLERICAL  
EMPLOYEES IN THE INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

The following advise was received from the Bureau  
in respect to the subject case:

"It is desired that in the future all leads  
relative to the above entitled case, requesting  
investigation at Coffeyville, Kansas and South  
Coffeyville, Oklahoma, be directed to the  
Oklahoma City office."

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
February 3, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

In the recent Brekid trial, in which Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, and Cassius McDonald were defendants on January 20, 1936, a subpoena was issued in the U. S. Clerk of Court's office at the request of defense counsel for Harry Sawyer for the appearance of Melvin Passolt, Superintendent, State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, as a defense witness. It appears that the purpose of the defense counsel in summoning Mr. Passolt was to show that persons of good reputation occasionally frequented Harry Sawyer's saloon at 451-453 Wabasha Street during 1933 and somewhat prior to the Bremer kidnaping.

Not knowing in advance that Passolt was to be called as a witness by the defense, I was not present in court to hear the testimony. However, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley was present and has advised me of the circumstances of the information, which will be set out hereafter. United States Attorney George F. Sullivan and Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey, who were Government counsel, have also confirmed the substance of the testimony given by Passolt on this occasion.

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Under questioning of the defense counsel Passolt testified that in 1933 he occasionally dropped into Harry Sawyer's saloon for the purpose of obtaining refreshments or lunch. Under cross-examination by United States Attorney Sullivan, he made the same statement, and also stated that he occasionally went in there to seek information.

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Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
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Mr. Tracy	✓
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United States Attorney Sullivan, by the questions propounded by him to Passolt, gave the latter plenty of opportunity to amplify his answers to place him in a more favorable light. However, Passolt reiterated his statements that he occasionally entered Sawyer's saloon to secure refreshments or for lunch. It appears that if Passolt had the right attitude he could have very properly answered Mr. Sullivan's questions by stating that he occasionally entered Sawyer's place because he knew it was a hangout for criminals. Although asked leading questions in that respect he failed to answer as suggested above, and which was in all probability the truth.

It appears that to say the least Passolt exercised very poor judgment in consenting to be a defense witness for a man of the character and reputation of Sawyer, particularly since both are St. Paul residents. In view of Mr. Passolt's official position I believe that his appearance and testimony places him in a particularly reprehensible light. The same views are concurred in by United States Attorney Sullivan, Assistant United States Attorney Heisey, and Mr. Connelley.

With reference to Frank Sommers, Chief Investigator for the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and who works directly under Mr. Passolt, Grady L. Boatwright, Secret Service Operative in Charge at St. Paul, furnished me some additional information concerning him the other day. Mr. Boatwright stated that in 1922 a Federal Reserve truck was held up in Denver, Colorado. The Secret Service secured information which tended to show that Frank Sommers, then Chief of Police in St. Paul, was implicated in the disposal of some of the loot. Accordingly they tapped his official telephone, as well as his residence telephone, and secured information that Sommers was interested in disposing of \$85,000.00 of the loot. Mr. Boatwright stated that in view of the nature in which the Secret Service secured this information, and because of Sommers' official position at that time, this evidence was never brought to light.

Mr. Boatwright further stated that because of Sommers' unsavory reputation he has orders from his chief, Mr. Moran in Washington, D. C., not to permit Sommers to ever enter his office.

In accordance with a previous letter from you regarding Frank Sommers, the Agents of this office have been instructed to have no dealings of any kind with him whatsoever. Since Mr. Passolt's recent appearance as a defense witness in the Brekid case, I have instructed the Agents attached to this office to be very careful in their dealings with him and with the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. They have been instructed that it is permissible to secure information from Mr. Passolt in cases in which there is a joint interest, but under no circumstances are they to furnish him any information without my prior approval.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 11, 1936

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Mr. Clinton Stein,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Stein:

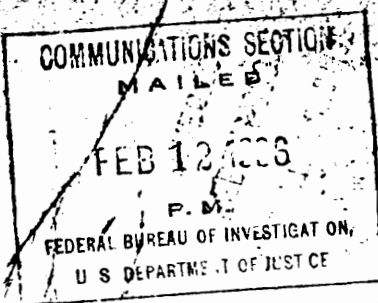
I have received your letter of February 3, 1936, outlining the testimony offered at the recent trial of Harry Sawyer by Melvin Passelt, Superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and desire that you immediately discontinue all official contact and connection with that organization. Under no circumstances are Special Agents attached to your office to have any official association with representatives of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. No joint investigations should be conducted with representatives of that agency and contacts with the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension should be limited to those official inquiries which are absolutely essential to a proper conducting of the Bureau's business.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Personal and Confidential



A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of J. Edgar Hoover, written in dark ink.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/15/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/11 & 15/36	REPORT MADE BY: G. A. Callahan
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Police Departments, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Boise, and Butte furnished with photographs of and information concerning William E. Mead.			
References:  Letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1-27-36 and Bureau letter dated 12-19-35.			
Details:  At Butte, Montana  On February 15, 1936, Chief of Police Walter I. Shey was furnished with two photographs of William E. Mead and with all pertinent information regarding the latter's activities in accordance with request contained in reference letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.  Under date of February 11, 1936, Special Agent R. C. Connell reports that he contacted Chief of Police C. A. Carlson, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Guy Nelson, Captain of Detectives, Pocatello, Idaho, Police Department, and James Brandon, Captain of Detectives, Boise, Idaho, Police Department. Agent Connell left with each of these officers a photograph of William E. Mead and the necessary information surrounding his activities. All officers contacted promised complete co-operation with the Bureau in effecting the apprehension of this man if he should be located in any of their cities and advised they would immediately notify the Butte office if such apprehension were effected.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>D. H. Dickerson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  7-576-9564 FEB 19 AM. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>ONE R</i> FILE	
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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

February 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

In connection with the forthcoming trial of Myrtle Eaton in this district for harboring William Weaver, the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, desires to introduce in evidence, a copy of the March, 1935, issue of a magazine known as "Master Detective".

Kindly obtain and forward to this office a copy of said magazine from the MacFadden Publishing Company, 1926 Broadway, New York City. Also ascertain the name of a competent witness from the aforementioned publishers, who could be used in the introduction of this evidence.

Refer to report of Special Agent R. B. Frown, dated at Chicago, Ill., 11-7-35, wherein mention of this magazine is made on Page #3 for details of evidence herein desired.

This case will probably be heard during the last week of the current month and the above request should be complied with as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Bureau  
cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago.

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
February 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 14, 1936, relative to Florida license plates for the year 1936 No. 285-159 thought to be in the possession of William Elmer Mead.

Confirming my telephone call to you on the morning of February 15, 1936, you are advised that inquiries through the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles at Tallahassee, Florida, by telephone disclosed that the above Florida license was issued for a 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number 817621, to Laura Z. Daso, Box 1586, 415 South Palmetto, Daytona Beach, Florida. Florida title number 1031931 was issued for this car.

The records at Tallahassee show that this car was purchased August 26, 1935, from Brewer Brothers, Inc., Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and that it was licensed that same date in the State of New York in the name of Laura Z. Daso, her address being given as Westchester Country Club, Rye, New York.

By telephone call to the Superintendent of Mails at Daytona Beach, Florida, it was ascertained that Post Office Box 1586 was rented October 26, 1935, in the name of Laura Z. Daso, the records indicating that George S. Daso also received mail there. The address was shown as 415 South Palmetto, and I was advised by my informant that this address is probably a rooming house. The rental on this box has been paid to March 31, 1936, it having been renewed on January 21, 1936. No references were given at the time of the rental, and no mail was in the box on the date of my call. The individuals were unknown to the Superintendent of Mails.

As you were advised during our telephone conversation on February 15th, Daytona Beach is a well known hang-out for confidence men.

Very truly yours,

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Bureau  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago,  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
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R. B. Nathan	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

BFF:MFS

February 17, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letters dated January 27th and February 4th, 1936, addressed to one Mr. J. F. Gates, 529 40th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, copies of which were furnished to the Jacksonville Office, in response to his communications to the Bureau dated January 21 and 27, 1936, concerning the above entitled matter.

Please be advised that attempts have been made, on two occasions, to interview Mr. Gates, but he has been out of the City. The matter will be given appropriate attention and the Bureau and interested offices will be immediately advised of the results of the interview with Mr. Gates.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago.

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PHONE. BREKID DEVELOPEMENTS CHICAGO THROUGH PARTIES HELD OTHER  
CASES INDICATE POSSIBILITIES AS TO LOCATION KARPIS AND WILL  
PROCEED CHICAGO ELEVEN FIFTY FIVE PM BIG FOUR RAILWAY TONIGHT  
ARRIVING IN CHICAGO EIGHT AM SUNDAY AND ARRANGE SITUATION THERE  
FULLMAN SPACE LOWER THREE CAR FORTY SEVEN

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DIRECTOR SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO SAC LOS ANGELES

PHONE. BREKID. FITZGERALD AND PARTY ARRIVED PHOENIX TONIGHT AND ARE  
UNDER SURVEILLANCE. NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES ENROUTE FROM EL PASO TO  
PHOENIX. INFORMATION OBTAINED IN EL PASO INDICATES PARTY WILL ATTEMPT  
TO ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES ABOUT EIGHT PM, FEBRUARY 17. AGENT SNOW OF  
THIS OFFICE WILL TAKE AGENT MCGUIRES PLACE FROM HERE TO LOS ANGELES.  
AGENT MCGUIRE WILL RETURN TO EL PASO FROM LOS ANGELES.

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DIRECTOR: SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO:

SACS PHOENIX AND LOS ANGELES

PHONE BREKID. FITZGERALD ACCOMPANIED BY HOOD WOMAN AND HALEY LEAVING  
HERE AT NINE OCLOCK THIS MORNING IN HOOD CAR ENROUTE LOS ANGELES UNDER  
SURVEILLANCE OF ORIGINAL SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT CREW. THE LOS ANGELES HUDSON  
BROKE AN AXLE LAST NIGHT EN ROUTE FROM CARLSBAD AND I LET THEM HAVE ONE  
OF OUR HUDSONS. I SUGGEST THAT UPON ARRIVAL AT PHOENIX THAT AGENT MCGUIRE  
BI INSTRUCTED TO RETURN OUR CAR HERE AND PICK UP LOS ANGELES CAR AS HE IS  
TOO HOT TO BE FURTHER EFFECTIVE FOR SURVEILLANCE AND I THINK ONE CAR CAN  
COVER SUFFICIENTLY ON INTO LOS ANGELES ESPECIALLY AS IT APPEARS PARTY WILL  
PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THAT POINT. SAC AT LOS ANGELES WILL PLEASE PHONE OR  
WIRE INSTRUCTIONS TO PHOENIX OFFICE WHERE PARTY WILL LIKELY ARRIVE ABOUT  
FIVE OR SIX OCLOCK THIS AFTERNOON THATS ALL

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PLS ACK

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CHICAGO OK FBI CHICAGO RVV

WASHINGTON OK FBI WASHINGTON DC GLS

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LOS ANGELES OK FBI LOS ANGELES LB

ALL DISCONNECT

Mr. Nathan...  
Mr. Tolson...  
Mr. E. A. Tamm...  
Chief Clerk...  
Mr. Clegg...  
Mr. Coffey...  
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Cleveland, Ohio,  
February 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: BREKID

The principal work to be pursued by the Cleveland office at the present time in conjunction with the telephone taps being maintained on the telephones of Art Hebebrand and James "Tip" O'Neill, and the various miscellaneous leads contained in the file at Cleveland are as follows:

A tap is to be arranged on the telephone of Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio, and an apartment rented for this purpose. This apartment can then be used as a sort of headquarters for two Agents, who can also cover various leads at Toledo. If necessary, in establishing this tap, the Chicago office will have Agent J. E. Jones proceed to Toledo, Ohio for this purpose.

We should follow closely the taps on Hebebrand and O'Neill in order to be advised, if possible, when and if they open a new gambling establishment, as it is believed that by certain action which can be taken as to this gambling place, we can force the hand of Hebebrand by such pressure to have him turn in Karpis and Campbell.

With reference to the report from the Cincinnati office furnishing the names of certain former convicts released from the Ohio State Penitentiary, these should be very carefully worked out with the idea in mind if any of these parties can be used to advantage they should be developed as confidential informants; these parties should also be considered for their confidential informant value even though they might not be able to deliver in connection with this particular case.

A check should be made of the Silver Grill, 28th and Detroit, to determine who runs this place, and the possibility of establishing a telephone tap should be considered in this place. It should also be observed from time to time for the possibility that subjects may be still contacting this spot, as it is definitely shown by recent taps that Hebebrand, Patton, et al. congregate there, particularly late at night.

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Incident to the work at Toledo, we should keep in close touch with [redacted] and develop any further possibilities [redacted] calling to the attention [redacted] particularly information supplied by him to us as previously furnished by [redacted] and as to which she would not disclose the details at the time of recent interview with her.

As to the various persons referred to in the taps on Hebebrand and O'Neill, these should be followed out in order to identify them and eliminate the possibility that they are concerned with harboring either Karpis or Campbell. This information should be coordinated with any information obtained by observation of the Silver Grill.

Further check should be had as to the alleged property owned by Hebebrand at Parma, Ohio, about five miles from Brunswick, Ohio, and supposedly occupied by Mac, who works at the Harvard Club.

The various long distance telephone calls from the Harvard Club telephone number should be covered to determine whether or not there is any possibility of a contact with Karpis or Campbell, or the possibility of developing the location of any other racketeers who might be furnishing a hideout for either of the two subjects.

With reference to Youngstown, Canton, and Akron, Ohio, these three towns should be given careful consideration looking toward the location of the subjects. Confidential informants should be developed and such of the police as are reliable should be contacted for information generally as to the setup in these towns.

Close contact should be maintained with Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick in order that we may be kept advised in so far as possible as to his activities in regard to the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and the possible location of Milton Lett. Special efforts should be made to develop information as to where Lett lived while working at the Harvard Club.

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Special Assignment  
CC - Bureau  
- Chicago  
- Cincinnati  
- St. Paul

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge



Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
February 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon dated February 10, 1936, which relates to investigation concerning William Elmer Kead.

It is noted from the synopsis of this report that one George Palatino, alias John Mobil, reported to be a good friend of Kead, is presently residing at St. Augustine, Florida. From the details of the report it appears that one James J. Knowles, a close friend of Kead, is reported to be at St. Augustine. There is nothing in the details of the report to indicate that Palatino is at St. Augustine.

It is suggested that the Philadelphia Office advise this office which of these individuals is supposed to be in St. Augustine, and whether it is considered desirable that efforts be made to locate and interview that individual.

It is also suggested that, if investigation is desired in St. Augustine, efforts be made to obtain and furnish the Jacksonville Office with a photograph of the person to be interviewed.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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J. Edgar Hoover  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1936.

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Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 10:30 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Hoover, I advised him of the call received this morning from Mr. Gordon of the Washington Daily News to the effect that Alvin<sup>0</sup> Karpis was recently in Washington and put up at the Hamilton Hotel, and visited the Department of Justice. I told Mr. Hoover that this has not as yet been verified, and he said that our only statement should be "no comment" to inquiries concerning this ridiculous report.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-10 & 11-36	REPORT MADE BY R. B. DONALDSON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER p Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>It has been ascertained that Thomas O'Dell, an old time confidence man, is now connected with a haberdashery at Daytona Beach, Florida, and is spending his time there. A. P. Askew, would be informant, not located at Deland, Florida, but advice obtained indicating he is unreliable and has poor reputation. Bruce Upshaw being prosecuted at Deland, Florida, for confidence swindle forfeited \$25,000.00 on 1-29-36 and whereabouts not known. Was treated by Dr. Haliday at West Palm Beach, Florida, for heart trouble recently.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter of 1-22-36, and report of Special Agent P. M. Funkett, Boston, Mass., 1-22-36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA;</p> <p>Inquiry regarding William Elmer Mead was made at the Post Office in Daytona Beach, and also at Police Headquarters, without obtaining any information of value.</p> <p>Similar inquiry regarding Thomas O'Dell was made and nothing definite as to his whereabouts was ascertained at Daytona Beach. Agent did learn however, that one Joseph Osborne, who operates the Osborne Hotel at 215 Orange Avenue at Daytona Beach, has been cooperating with Postal Inspector Graham of New York in his efforts to run down confidence men, including Elmer Mead.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Donaldson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 2 - St. Paul 2 - Chicago 1 - Boston 2 - Jacksonville		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> 20.5 MAR 29 1965 MFS</p>	
		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">7 576 + 9575</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FEB 19 1936</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FEB 24 1936</p>	

This advice was obtained from Postmaster C. H. Talton. It was also learned that Mr. Osborne, for several years past, has been eagerly checking information on confidence men hereabouts, and in fact this has been one of his hobbies or sidelines. He is reported to have pictures of a number of them, and also has taken upon himself, while passing about the city and seeing any of them, or individuals suspected as being confidence men, to snap a photograph of them and keep it for future reference. It seems he has carried this to the extent that any stranger appearing in Daytona Beach, who could not be accounted for, is suspected of being a confidence man.

Notwithstanding this, however, it is Agent's opinion that Mr. Osborne would be a good contact for the Jacksonville Office to promote, and while Agent was not able to locate him in town on the date of this investigation, it is expected that he will be contacted and his assistance enlisted at a very early date.

AT DELAND, FLORIDA:

In a conversation with Sheriff S. E. Stone at this place, he informed Agent that Bruce Upshaw, an old time confidence man, was about to be prosecuted in the local state court in connection with a swindle perpetrated several years ago on a Northern Tourist. Thomas O'Dell has been prosecuted in this same case and now is at liberty.

Upshaw was at liberty under a \$25,000.00 bond, and a few days before his case was to be called he sent an affidavit to the County Prosecutor, signed by Dr. John Haliday, with offices in the McGinley Building, West Palm Beach, Florida, which affidavit certified that Dr. Haliday had been treating Upshaw for heart trouble, which was in advanced stages.

Sheriff Stone says that it is his information that Dr. Haliday is a reputable and ethical physician, who would have no part in harboring criminals or assisting them; and that on January 29, 1936, when Upshaw's case was called and he failed to put in his appearance the Court ordered his \$25,000.00 bond forfeited, and issued a capias for him.

Sheriff Stone has made every effort within his power to locate Upshaw, and is now satisfied that he has absconded from these parts, and does not intend to face the charge against him.



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Sheriff Stone does not have any information that Upshaw or Thomas O'Dell have been associating with Elmer Mead. He does have information, however, that Thomas O'Dell at the present time, has a one half interest in a haberdashery store at Daytona Beach, located on the main street, on the beach side of the city; further that O'Dell is at the present time staying around Daytona Beach and this particular store.

In the hope of locating Upshaw, Sheriff Stone has arranged through some confidential source, which he would not disclose to Agent, to have an eye kept on O'Dell at Daytona Beach in the belief that Upshaw might possibly put in appearance there. Nothing has resulted from this direction up to the present time.

In conclusion it may be stated that Agent was definitely assured by Sheriff Stone that should he receive any information which might assist us in locating Mead, he would communicate it to us immediately, and in turn he earnestly solicits any assistance the Bureau can give him in connection with locating Upshaw.

Photograph of Upshaw was supplied Agent by Sheriff Stone, which photograph had been obtained by the Sheriff from the State Police, Commonwealth Pier, Boston. This photograph is being submitted to the Bureau with the request that copies of same be made to be distributed to such offices as the Bureau may deem necessary on the theory that Upshaw is likely either to contact Mead or to be able to supply some information about him.

Regarding A. P. Askew, who called at the Jacksonville Bureau Office several weeks ago, stating that he was some sort of a detective, and that he had information that O'Dell was in Daytona Beach, Agent made an effort to locate and interview Askew.

It was ascertained from Sheriff Stone that Askew has, for some time past, held himself out as a sort of private detective and informant; that he has never given any information yet of value to the Sheriff, and that it is understood he has contacted the narcotic Agents at Jacksonville, purporting to supply them with information, but it is not believed that anything of value was ever reported by this man.

Sheriff Stone states that Askew in his opinion is entirely unreliable and probably not honest. He has been arrested several times for writing worthless checks. He has no particular occupation, and his parents

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who reside some ten miles from Deland, have refused to come to his assistance any further in connection with his writing of bad checks.

Askew does not stay at home, but frequents cheap hotels in Deland when he is here. At the present time he has a room at the Athens Hotel in Deland. On inquiry there it was found that he had not been around for sometime, and that his whereabouts were not known, although it was reported that he had been in the city that day.

Accompanied by the son of the proprietor of this Hotel, Agent made a tour of the city of Deland, and tried to locate Askew, but without any success.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Daytona Beach, Florida, will interview and try to establish as a contact, Mr. Joseph Osborne, who operates the Osborne Hotel at 215 Orange Avenue, and enlist his assistance in locating William Elmer Mead; also Thomas O'Dell. If O'Dell can be located at his haberdashery on the Beach, he will also be interviewed regarding Mead and Upshaw to learn whether he has any idea of the whereabouts of either.

At West Palm Beach, Florida, will interview Dr. John Heliday in the McGinley Building, for any information he may have regarding Upshaw's health and whereabouts.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 536

Los Angeles, California

February 14, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two cut film holders, containing photographs of a snapshot found in the apartment of C. J. Fitzgerald, 512 South Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, California, said snapshot being a picture of a group of six men. None of these men are known to the agents assigned on this surveillance who are presently in Los Angeles. However, it is believed advisable to have copies of same made and forwarded to the offices receiving copies of this letter, in order that it might be determined whether any of the individuals shown can be identified with this case.

After the photographs have been developed, it is requested that the cut film holders be returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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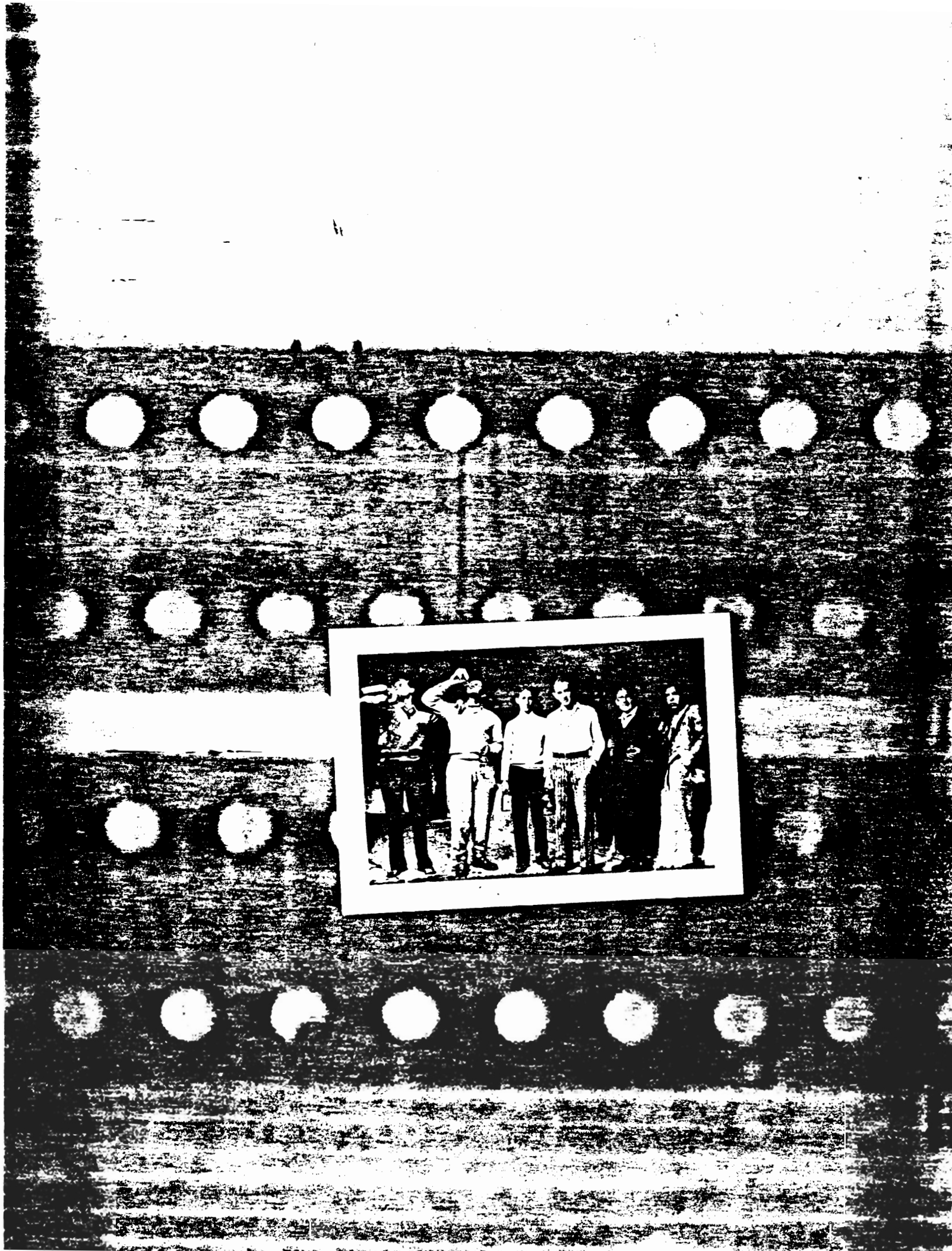
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.Re: BARKIN

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 11, 1936 in connection with the above entitled case with which you transmitted two cut film holders containing negatives which had been made of a snapshot found in the apartment of C. J. Fitzgerald, 512 South Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

In accordance with your request, you are advised that these negatives have been developed and that two copies of the finished photographs are being transmitted herewith for the use of your office. Likewise, two copies are being sent to each of the offices listed below together with a carbon copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "JH", "H", "ELA", "R"]*